

Report on the East District Board of Directors' Meeting of January 21, 2013

1) May 2012 Convention Expenses

The business manager reported that the total expenses for the 2012 East District Convention were \$149,712. There were receipts from sponsorships, exhibitor and vendor registrations and delegate expense donations of \$23,000. The net cost (to be paid by congregational assessments) was \$126, 631.

The Business Manager indicated that there is about \$48,000 in congregational assessments still outstanding. These should have been submitted in 2012. The Board therefore passed the following motions:

- (i) *"That the chairman send a letter to the congregations who have not paid their assessments, (any mandatory assessments) reminding them of their obligations."*
- (ii) *"That the finance report to the district convention include a schedule of assessments and receipts, by congregation, during the past triennium."*

2) Financial Position as at December 31, 2012

The business Manager reported that as of December 31st, congregational receipts are \$96,000 below budget. The December receipts were not as high as anticipated. However, if January receipts are close to January 2012, we should be close to budget at year end (Jan. 31st). Expenses at Dec. 31 are below budget.

3) 2013/2014 Budget

The Board gave preliminary review to the budget as recommended by the Department for Finance and passed the following motion:

"That within the budget a fund be established for the defense of church workers who may be sued in cases resulting from taking a stand on our doctrinal principles (e.g. refusal to marry gay couples)."

The Business Manager will report back at the March meeting on the amount of the fund and funding sources. The Board will give final approval to the Budget at its March meeting.

4) Department for Parish Services

At the request of the DPS regarding their youth committee, the Board passed the following motion:

"That members of the Youth Committee who are under 18 years of age but who are a communicant member of a LCC- East District congregation be allowed to vote at Youth Committee meetings."

5) 2013 Mission and Ministry Presentation

The Board discussed the 2013 Mission and Ministry Presentation which has recently been sent to congregations. Some inaccuracies were noted (e.g. incorrect dates) and some changes in content were recommended. As a result, a revised version will be posted on the District's web site.

For next year, the Board agreed that they will ensure that the Presentation reaches the Board at its fall meeting, so that it can then be available for fall forums and in time for congregational consideration when they are setting their budgets.

6) Governance Committee

The Board directed the Governance Committee (Rev. Mohr, Rev. Teuscher, Rev. Bublitz, Reg Tiegs, Jim Lang, Lois Griffin and President Zabel) to review the District's Policy and Procedures Manual and other manuals used by the Board and its Departments or Committees for compliance with the Handbooks of District and Synod, our confessions and Scripture.

For further information on any of these items, contact the Board Chair, Rev. Ron Mohr at: rmohr@execulink.com

The next regular meeting of the Board is on March 18, 2013

-from Lois Griffin,
Secretary, East District