

Summary of Board Meeting of June 8, 2015

Orientation

President Zabel reviewed with the board members the pertinent sections of the Policy and Procedures Manual regarding the Board of Directors.

During the review the following matters were noted and should be reviewed by the Governance Committee and/or the Handbook Committee:

- Executive Committee - Should the 2nd VP be added?
- circuit forums - will the M&M feedback still occur if fewer circuit meetings?
- delete or reword item re salaries from duties and functions (similar change to Handbook 4.04E9)
- Board Liaison - expectations- should comment be reporting action items be revised?
- 7.2 final bullet - remove the word "voting"

Election of Chairman

Reg Tiegs was nominated as chairman. There were no other nominations. President Zabel declared Reg Tiegs elected as chairman.

As per section 7.1 of the Policy and Procedures manual, the President called for nominations for assistant chairman. Rev. Marvin Bublitz was nominated. There were no other nominations. President Zabel declared Rev. Bublitz elected as assistant chairman.

Appointment of Treasurer

15-066 Motion: That Mr. Ray Taylor be appointed as Treasurer of the District.
M/S/C

Appointment of Liaisons to District Departments

15-067 Motion: That Mr. Bob Klages be appointed Board Liaison to the Department for Finance.
M/S/C

15-068 Motion: That Rev. Marvin Bublitz be appointed Board Liaison to the Department for Outreach. M/S/C

15-069 Motion: That Deacon David Faerber be appointed Board Liaison to the Department for Parish Services. M/S/C

Appointment of Members to District Departments

Parish Services:

15-070 Motion: That Ms. Emilia Lindsay, Rev. David Saar, and Rev. James Scholz be appointed to the Department for Parish Services for the circuits of Hamilton, Hanover and London respectively for a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018. M/S/C

Finance:

15-071 Motion: That Mr. Hugh Weltz, Mr. Dan Putzman, and Mr. Tim Kuhl be appointed to the Department for Finance for the circuits of Kitchener, Niagara, and Ottawa respectively for a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018. **M/S/C**

Outreach:

15-072 Motion: That Mrs. Dianne Engler, Rev. Stephen Omoregie, and Mr. Javed Khan be appointed to the Department for Outreach for the circuits of Stratford, Toronto, and Windsor respectively for a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018. **M/S/C**

Appointments to Fill Vacant Positions:

15-073 Motion: That Mr. Ron Groskleg be appointed to the Department for Parish Services for the Ottawa circuit to fill a vacancy for a term ending June 30, 2017. **M/S/C**

15-074 Motion: That Rev. Dusan Tillinger be appointed to the Department for Parish Services for the Windsor circuit to fill a vacancy for a term ending June 30, 2016. **M/S/C**

15-075 Motion: That Mr. David Schutz, who was originally appointed on an interim basis to the Department for Finance for the Hamilton circuit to fill a vacancy and who now consents to continue to the completion of the term, be officially appointed to serve in this capacity until June 30, 2016. **M/S/C**

Other Board Appointments

a. The Committee on Abuse Prevention

15-076 Motion: That Mr. Gary Enskat, Rev. Mark Koehler, Rev. Larry Flohr, and Mrs. Jane Ryan Black be reappointed to the Abuse Prevention Committee for a 3-year term, subject to their individual acceptance. **M/S/C**

b. District Properties Committee

15-077 Motion: That Mr. Kent Schappert, Rev. Rob Korsch, Mr. Bernie Vandonk, Mr. Earl Schaeffer, Mr. Robert Douglas, and Mr. Brian Haig be appointed to the District Properties Committee for a 3-year term, subject to their individual acceptance. **M/S/C**

c. Committee for Communication Services

15-078 Motion: That Mr. David Zakel, Mr. James Gerber, Mr. Josh Gajdos, Rev. John Makey, and Mr. Paul Beckett be reappointed to the Committee for Communication Services for a 3-year term, subject to their individual acceptance. **M/S/C**

d. Personnel Committee

Motion: That Mr. Kent Schappert and Mr. Reg Tiegs be appointed to the Personnel Committee. **M/S/C**

e. Reconciliation Committee

15-079 Motion: That Rev. Nolan Astley, Rev. Dr. Bryan King, and Mr. Doug McLaren be reappointed to the Reconciliation Committee for a 6-year term ending in 2021, subject to their individual acceptance. **M/S/C**

President's Appointments

The President indicated that he will report to the October Board meeting on his appointees for the following: The Committee on Constitutions and Membership, The Handbook Committee, The Archivist and Historian, The

Synodical Commission on Adjudication. The directors are welcome to forward suggestions to him.

2015 District Convention

Resolutions

The Board reviewed the convention resolutions and directed that they be referred for action as follows:

- 15-1-01 Amend Bylaw 2014 and Regulations 2014 regarding
- 1) The corporate seal
 - 2) Mission and ministry program
 - 3) Convention minutes
 - 4) District committee on constitutions and membership
- Action:** Referred to Handbook Committee for implementation
- 15-1-02 Amend Bylaw 2014 and Regulations 2014 to Use More Consistent Terminology Relating To Rostered Workers
- Action:** Referred to Handbook Committee for implementation
- 15-1-03 Support the Lutheran Historical Institute as the Official Archives of Lutheran Church–Canada
- Action:** Referred to chairman to write letter
- 15-1-04 Amend Regulations 2014 Regarding Frequency of Circuit Forums
- Action:** Referred to Handbook Committee for implementation
- 15-1-05 Amend Regulations 2014 Regarding Eligibility to Be a Director
- Action:** Referred to Handbook Committee for implementation
- 15-1-06 To take no action on Overture 15-1-08
- Action:** None required
- 15-1-07 Amend Regulations 2014 Regarding the Method of Appointing the LCC East District Representative on the Lutherwood Board of Directors as amended
- Action:** Referred to Handbook Committee for implementation
- 15-2-01c To Communicate Our Position on Creation (*Overture 15-2-01*)
- Action:** Referred to District President to communicate to Council of Presidents, and also to discuss with circuit counsellors.
- 15-2-02a That Congregations Utilize Lutheran Hour (LHM) Ministries Resources for Outreach
- Action:** Referred to the DfO and the Mission Executive

The Board also reviewed:

- 1) Convention Motion C15-05 regarding restructuring and directed the Chairman to convey our position regarding restructuring to those persons named in the resolution, namely; President Bugbee, President Prachar, and the CCMS.
- 2) Convention Motion C15-10 and directed the secretary to convey this appointment to Famme and Company.

In conjunction with this latter convention motion, the board also took the following action.

15-080 Motion: That as part of the Board's due diligence, the Department for Finance be directed to obtain quotes from at least two public accountants for the auditing of the District's financial books, and to provide recommendations to the Board in time for implementation for the fiscal year 2016/2017. **M/S/C**

Delegates & Attendance

In reviewing the attendance information, it was noted that in some instances, the congregation listed as having no delegate had been previously deemed to be part of a dual or tri-parish as they are non-calling congregations being served by a pastor from another congregation. This matter was referred to the District President and the Vice-Presidents for further review.

Evaluation and Feedback

The comments received were reviewed as well as other comments the Board members had. It was suggested that the President might, in an upcoming Eden report, remind members of the purpose of conventions as outlined in the Handbook, as a response to some of the comments received.

Other Matters

Governance Sub-Committee Continuance

15-081 Motion: That the existing sub-committee members, namely, President Zabel, Rev. Teuscher, Rev. Bublitz, Lois Griffin, and Reg Tieg, be reappointed to the Governance sub-committee. **M/S/C**

District President's Report

The report was received.

Mission Executive's Report

The report was received.

Business Manager's Report

Update on the CEF

The Business Manager reported on the action being taken by the DfF and the CEF Committee on identifying actions that should be taken to bring forward to the Ontario Securities Commission regarding the East district Church Extension Fund.

Update on Loan to Redeemer Lutheran Church

Redeemer has drawn \$380,000 of the approved \$400,000 and has subsequently repaid \$180,000, leaving an outstanding balance of \$200,000.

Loan request - Concordia Lutheran Church, Edmonton

The Business Manager reported on a telephone enquiry he had received regarding a mortgage loan.

15-082 Motion: That President Zabel be directed to contact Synod in order to discuss how the East District might loan East District CEF money to Synod in order that Synod might loan this money to ABC congregations in need of mortgage financing. **M/S/C**

Approval of Minutes

BOD April 14, 2015

15-083 Motion: That the minutes of the BOD meeting of April 14, 2015 as printed in the docket be approved. **M/S/C**

BOD, May 3, 2015

15-084 Motion: That the minutes of the special BOD meeting of May 3, 2015 as printed in the docket be approved. **M/S/C**

BOD, May 5, 2015 (Special Meeting)

15-085 Motion: That the minutes of the special BOD meeting of May 5, 2015 as printed in the docket be approved. **M/S/C**

2015 East District Convention (Day 3, May 6)

15-086 Motion: That the minutes of day 3 (May 6, 2015) of the East District Convention as printed in the docket be approved. **M/S/C**

BOD, May 28, 2015 (Special Meeting)

15-087 Motion: That the minutes of the special BOD meeting of May 28, 2015 as printed in the docket be approved. **M/S/C**

Amendment to the Constitution of Bethel Lutheran Church, Kitchener

15-088 Motion: That the recommendation of the District Committee on Constitutions and Membership to approve an amendment to the constitution of Bethel Lutheran Church, Kitchener be adopted. **M/S/C**

Correspondence

Dr. Bugbee Letter

The Board received the letter from Dr. Bugbee thanking the East District for the special \$100,000 of financial support to synod presented at the recent district convention.

Various "Thank You" Letters

The President reported having received "thank you" letters from various congregations for the CEF surplus distribution funds and also a letter thanking the District for the Jubilarian Service at the convention.

In conjunction with the CEF surplus distribution, the Board discussed amending the policy to take into account outstanding WB payments.

15-089 Motion: That the surplus distribution to congregations be reduced by any unpaid Worker Benefit payments and the policy be amended accordingly. **M/S/C**

Report on Non-calling Congregations

The Board reviewed this report. The President and the Vice-Presidents together with the circuit counsellors will the situation with the non-calling congregations in the district and report back to the Board.

The Board also raised the issue of the status of the reports requested of the circuit counsellors regarding the congregations in their circuit. The reports were supposed to be provided to the board by June 1st. President Zabel is to follow up with the circuit counsellors.

Properties Committee

Mr. Kent Schappert inquired as to how we should move ahead with the renovations required to the District Office building. The Business Manager reported on the state of the roof and said it should be replaced within the next 2 to 3 years. The Properties Committee was directed to get additional quotes on the renovations necessary and to provide a report for the October Board meeting recommending priorities for proceeding with the work.

Synodical Task Force on Restructuring

Mr. Reg Tiegs made recommendations to the Board regarding this matter.

15-090 Motion: That the Board of Directors recommend to the Synodical Board of Directors that they establish a special Task Force regarding restructuring, with representation from each District. **M/S/C**
The chairman will communicate this request in writing to the Synodical Board of Directors.

Report from the DfO Liaison

Rev. Publitz presented a report of issues raised at the May 25th meeting of the Department for Outreach.

Additional Funding for Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Etobicoke

15-091 Motion: That the Board approve the request of the DFO to top up funding needed for the current fiscal year for Candidate Joseph Singh once he is ordained in September at Our Saviour Lutheran Church Etobicoke, using DFO CEF surplus funds. **M/S/C**

Mrs. Lois Griffin, Secretary, declared a conflict of interest regarding the above matter since she is a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, and left the meeting for the discussion and vote on this matter. In her absence, Mr. Reg Tiegs took minutes.

One-Time Grant to Holy Trinity and Korean Lutheran Dual Parish

15-092 Motion: That the Board of Directors authorize the executive committee to review and handle the request regarding a one-time grant of \$10,000 for Holy Trinity and Korean Lutheran Dual Parish. **M/S/C**

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday October 7, 2015 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Devotion Leader: Rev. Don Schieman

15-093 Motion: That this meeting be now adjourned. **M/S/C**

The meeting closed with prayer.

For further information on any of these items, contact the Board Chair, Mr. Reg Tiegs at: tiehm@rogers.com

-from Lois Griffin, Secretary
LCC, East District