



Summary of Board Meeting of January 15/16 2018

Opening Devotions

Rev. Don Schieman led the Board in opening devotions.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented. **M/S/C**

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts declared at this time.

Approval of Board Minutes

BOD Minutes, September 26-27, 2017

Motion: That the minutes of September 26-27, 2017 be approved as presented. **M/S/C**

BOD Minutes, November 15, 2017 Special Meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the special meeting of November 15, 2017 be approved as presented. **M/S/C**

Lutheran Church—Canada

There was no report

Business arising from the Minutes:

List of Action Items from previous meeting(s) were discussed.

Restructuring:

Notes from Jan 5, 2018 Meeting –Committee to Review Bylaws

This report was reviewed with the board. There was general concurrence with the direction of the report and the Board authorized the committee to arrange circuit meetings as outlined in the report. The committee will report back with a final version of the bylaw amendments for the March meeting.

Motion: Rev. Bublitz be designated as the Board Liaison person for all things relating to restructuring. **M/S/C**

He would liaison with our staff and Departments as well as Synod. All information being sent out regarding restructuring should go through the Board.

The board also agreed:

- A draft of an MOU with LCC should be ready for the convention as information.
- The Regional Pastor should have access to District files relating to past financial and ecclesiastical East District matters. However any records relating to the East District Corporation after the beginning of 2019 should not be automatically available to the Regional Pastor.



Report re Nominations Committee

The board agreed that the Nominations Committee should prepare nominations based on the proposed new bylaws and that seeking of nominations should wait until after the Bylaw Committee has held the circuit meetings.

Report from Rev. Bublitz re Meeting with Synodical Treasurer

Rev. Bublitz provided a report on transition issues discussed at a meeting that he and Rev. Schieman had with Dwayne Cleave, Synodical Treasurer. In this report there was a proposed model for operating foreign missions that would not require the hiring of a Foreign Mission Executive. By consensus it was agreed that this model should be submitted by the chairman to Synod for their consideration.

Rev. Nolan Astley

Rev. Nolan Astley joined the meeting to discuss the status of restructuring.

He continues to assist the LCC Board on restructuring issues.

The board raised a number of issues that Rev. Astley will discuss with the LCC Board Chairman.

The issues include:

- Clarity on who will handle the nominations for Regional Pastor, Circuit Counsellors, and Regional Missions and Ministry Council
- Our desire that District Presidents be allowed to attend Board meetings as advisors to assist the Board during the transition period.
- The establishment of District liaisons for restructuring and encouraging the synod to appoint a liaison person from synod.
- Advise Synod that the East District Board will be submitting a suggestion regarding an alternative model for foreign missions.

Chairman's Report

There was no report.

District President's Report

The President reviewed his report with the Board and advised on the proposed theme for the upcoming District Convention.

Motion: That the Board approve the 2018 District Convention theme "Jesus, Our Rock Forever".

M/S/C

Department Appointments

There are no names for the two vacancies.

By consensus, the board agreed that in view of the restructuring, the terms of those Department members whose terms are up at the end of June 2018 be extended to the end of December 2018 and that all Department members be asked to continue to the end of 2018. In addition, the Departments should be asked to begin compiling information regarding programs that should be forwarded to the new Mission and Ministry Council and/or the synodical Board of Directors. The Chairman will write to all the Department members regarding this.



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Barrie

The board discussed a report on a meeting with representatives of Good Shepherd, Barrie attended by Rev. Zabel, Darryll Holland and Reg Tiegs. The congregation may need Transition Funds for one or two years. The President is authorized to provide them with \$5000 of transition funding. Money beyond that requires board approval. At this time they have not yet requested the initial \$5000.

Motion: That the Board approve stage 2 Transition Funding of \$10,000 for Barrie provided they meet the requirements of the policy for this funding. **M/S/C**

Properties Committee

Mr. Schappert reported that all work on the District office building has been completed and within budget.

Motion: That the report of Mr. Kent Schappert be accepted. **M/S/C**

Mission Executive: Rev. Ron Mohr

Report

The report was received.

Missions Article

The Board agreed that subject to a revised introduction, this report should be provided to the Synod for information.

Partner to Partner Year End Report

Rev. Mohr reviewed his report and advised that the money raised in 2017 will be spent this year, 2018.

The plan is to continue to solicit money for the Partner to Partner program again this year.

Mission & Ministry Presentation Proposal

The Board agreed that in view of the meetings necessary to explain the needed bylaw changes due to restructuring, and since we will not be preparing a work plan for 2019, a Ministry and Mission presentation not be prepared this year. We should ask Synod to prepare a report for the District Convention regarding mission and ministry work for 2019.

Treasurer/Business Manager

Current M&M Contributions

The report was received

M&M Contributions Historical Review

The report was received.

ED Financials Summary Act & 2018 Budget

The board reviewed the financials to December 31 and the draft 2018 budget. The final budget will be approved at the March Board meeting.

ED Financials Detail Act & 2018 Budget

The budget details were received.

Restricted Fund Balances

The Board reviewed the various Restricted Funds.



Regarding the Moving Fund, by consensus it was agreed that with the new structure, Synod should be encouraged to run a moving fund and we will provide them the information on how we currently operate the fund. The chairman will contact Synod regarding this.

By consensus it was agreed that all of these restricted funds should be reviewed individually to decide what should be done with them before restructuring begins in 2019. This should start at the next Board meeting. To assist in the discussion the Business manager will provide information on the anticipated balance for each fund at the end of the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

CEF Loan Summary

Deacon Faerber declared a conflict of interest regarding any discussion about the loan to Grace, Pembroke, because of his involvement with the school there. He did not participate in the discussion regarding this loan. Mr. Klages declared a conflict of interest regarding any discussion about the loan to Concordia Moncton (New Brunswick) as he has acted as treasurer for them. He did not take part in the discussion.

Questions were raised regarding instances where CEF property on which churches have mortgages are to be sold and the anticipated moneys from the sale would not cover the cost of the outstanding mortgage. Is the congregation still expected to repay the loan? The DFF needs to review this situation and report back on a policy for these situations.

Restructuring – List of Issues

This list from the business Manager was received for information.

Report on Gain on sale of Gatineau Property

The report was received for information.

Report on 1st Windsor Loan Details

The report was received for information.

CEF Properties

The Business Manager provided a list of the properties owned by the District, some of which are leased to congregations.

Motion: That regarding the East District office building, the Properties Committee report further on various scenarios regarding the future of the office building under restructuring. These would include (but not be limited to) selling the property, leasing the property, continuing to use the property for the ED Corporation and /or the Regional Pastor as well as other Lutheran entities.

M/S/C

New Business

National Youth Gathering-Funding Request-17Oct25

Motion: Regarding the request for funding for the National Youth Gathering in 2019, that the organizers be informed that this request is outside of our mandate as the Districts will no longer be functioning as a service provider as of January 2019. **M/S/C**

The Chairman will reply to their letter.

Vacancy re Director-at large

Due to the election of Rev. Teuscher as LCC President, and the resultant filling of the positions of 1st and 2nd Vice-President by others members of the board at the November Board meeting, there is a vacancy in the position of Director-at-large.



Motion: That the vacancy in the position of Director-at-large not be filled. **M/S/C**

Department Reports:

Finance:

Department Liaison Report – Mr. Robert Klages

The DfF expressed concern that we are paying more for the Gift Planner than we are receiving in endowments. Since as of 2019 the gift planners will be funded directly by Synod, it was decided not to pursue the matter. We currently pay Synod monthly for this position.

Motion: That we stop remitting our funding if the position becomes vacant and is not refilled. **M/S**

Motion: That the previous motion be tabled. **M/S/C**

Regarding the DfF Ad Hoc Committee reviewing issues related to restructuring, the Board Liaison, Mr. Robert Klages will tell the committee and the DfF that the BOD is dealing with these things and therefore at this time the DfF should not work further on the issue.

Department Chair Report – Mr. Hugh Weltz

There was no report.

DFF Minutes - Nov. 27, 2017

The minutes were received.

Outreach:

Department Liaison Report – Rev. Marvin Bublitz

There was no report from the Board Liaison since all necessary matters were covered in the chair's report.

Department Chair Report – Mr. Paul Otterman

The board reviewed the recommendations from the DFO and agreed that these will be dealt with at the March meeting as part of the budget process.

Pastor Bublitz will ask the Mission Executive to provide a list for our March meeting of all the 3-year subsidy recommendations for the approval of the Board.

DFO Minutes – Nov 7, 2017

The minutes were received.

Parish Services:

Due to illness the January meeting of the DPS was cancelled and so there were no reports or minutes.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Kent Schappert, Mr. Reg Tiegs

Motion: That the salary increases for the Business Manager, Assistant to the Business Manager, Administrative Secretary, District President, and Mission Executive be approved as outlined in the report dated January 15, 2018 from the Personnel Committee. **M/S/C**

East District Archivist: Mrs. Carol Nagel, Archivist

The report of the archivist was received. By consensus it was agreed that the East District Corporation should continue to care for archives of the East District and that Synod be informed



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that this is the intent of the East District at least until synod is in a position to take over this function. There is a likely candidate to take over as archivist upon the retirement of Mrs. Nagel after the District convention in October.

Committee on Constitution/Membership: Rev. Robert Morley

Report re Constitutional Changes -St. Luke, Eganville; St. Peter's, Stratford)

Motion: That in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutions and Membership, the Board approve the revised constitution for St. Luke Lutheran Church, Eganville and the revised constitution and bylaws for St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stratford.

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Committee on Communication Services

There was no report.

Abuse Prevention Committee

There was no report.

Handbook Committee: Rev. Marvin Bublitz, Chairman

Rev. Bublitz gave a verbal report regarding the requests for rulings from the Handbook Committee relating to the term of office of the board and various other entities as a result of the District Convention not taking place until October.

Next Meeting: March 12-13, 2018

Devotion Leader: President Zabel

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Schieman led the board in closing prayers.

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