

LCMC Board of Trustees
November 14-16, 2007
Minutes

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Present: Trustees Paul Braafladt, David Chancellor, Kirk Dean, Kent Groethe, Larry Lindstrom, Chris Magnell, Sue McKenzie, Dale Wolf; Service Coordinator Bill Sullivan, Director of Operations/Financial Secretary Sharon MacFadyen and Attorney, Victor Lund

Chairman Larry Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. Larry Lindstrom opened with devotions and prayer based on the text from 1 Samuel 16.

- M/S/P To approve the minutes of the trustees meeting of October 6, 2007.
M/S/P To approve the minutes of the trustees conference call meeting of October 10, 2007.
M/S/P To approve the minutes of the trustees conference call meeting of October 25, 2007.

Kirk Dean and Sharon MacFadyen presented the treasurer's report. He referred the trustees to the summary prepared by Sharon MacFadyen, LCMC's Financial Secretary. Convention costs were more expensive than expected, but still within range. Congregational donations have increased steadily, however SDRF funds have fallen off.

- M/S/P To accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Bill Sullivan presented the Service Coordinator's report. He discussed the situation in the Northeast and commented on how oppressive the ELCA has become in that area. An additional congregation has joined from Canada and a third is interested as well. They are discussing ways to structure the relationship between the congregations in Canada and the Board. Discussions are under way with Faith Lutheran in Albuquerque for next year's gathering. He also noted his house was on the market, but has not offers yet.

Bill also prepared the report on the 2007 Gathering as represented in the evaluation forms. The biggest suggestion made was to end the gathering early on Tuesday evening. This has been a discussion over the years, but overall the length was acceptable. Additional comments were made regarding the time of year for the gathering. There is no perfect time of year, but looking at the church calendar fall seems to be the best time of year. The reviews overall were very good, probably better than any other gathering. There was some discussion regarding technology and being able to use this to our advantage. We also need to be more intentional about the break outs. There were many comments on repeats from years past and not enough faith focused presentations.

The trustees agreed to be more intentional on the break out presentations when they are chosen in the spring. It was also agreed that we would review the timing on entertainment presentations. The trustees agreed to be mindful of the length of the days and remembering to give ample time to attendees for free time and breaks.

David Chancellor led devotions from the book of Colossians 4:3.

The trustees recessed at 6:05 P.M. for the evening and closed in prayer.

Trustees and staff reconvened at 8:00 A.M., Thursday, November 15. Sue McKenzie led devotions on lessons from Matthew 5:13 and Revelation 2:2.

The trustees spent several hours looking at visioning of the future look of LCMC. Topics discussed included 5 year vision, ministry board, oversight, staff, districts, annual gathering, international congregations, visioning discussions will continue on Friday.

M/S/P To have Sharon MacFadyen investigate cost of upgrading server with comparison to costs of remote hosted server.

M/S/P To have Sharon MacFadyen investigate cost of professional website redesign with complimentary software included to allow update seamlessly.

Discussion turned to the 2008 annual gathering. Chris Magnell reported that Bill Hull (*The Disciple Making Pastor*) has agreed to join us as a Keynote Speaker on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. He will do two one hour presentations and has agreed to a \$1500 honorarium. He continues to work on Dallas Willard as a second option. Dale Wolf suggested having Voice of the Martyrs join us to do a large group presentation. He also suggested contacting TJ Anderson regarding discipleship of young people. David Chancellor suggested bringing in a Christian comedian.

The theme of the gathering will be *The Cost of Discipleship* using MT 16:24-25. Bill will communicate with Faith Lutheran about the theme and details. Monday evening will be a free night. Invite Faith to orchestrate the evening's activities. Tuesday will be district night out. Faith will do all musical offerings. We will offer Sunday dinner, Monday and Tuesday lunch and two breaks Monday and Tuesday and one on Wednesday.

Dale Wolf presented an update on the DVD project. A number of sections need to be reworked to provide a more contemporary feel. The costs to this point have been very modest.

The board discussed the Ministry Board and focused on the times they meet and how they are appointed. Dale suggested that they meet for longer periods of time and potentially less often. David Chancellor suggested that they utilize teleconferencing more frequently. Bill will convey these items to the Ministry Board at the next meeting.

Discussion turned to a permanent location for the LCMC office. The board directed Bill and Sharon to investigate mail service options as well as perhaps utilizing a member congregation.

M/S/P To give Larry Lindstrom the authority to offer Deb Lingen position of Editor-in-Chief along with a \$500 per issue stipend for this position starting with the fourth issue of 2007.

The trustees met with Attorney, Victor Lund, for an update on the pending lawsuit. To date there has been no response from opposing counsel.

The trustees met with Deb Lingen to discuss the current newsletter issue. She expressed her appreciation to the board for her time with joy and thanksgiving.

The trustees recessed at 4:45 P.M for the evening and closed in prayer.

Trustees and staff reconvened at 8:10 A.M., Friday, November 16. Dale Wolf led devotions on lessons from Acts 2:42-47.

Trustees excused staff to discuss personnel issues.

M/S/P To authorize a 4% salary increase for the Service Coordinator and the Director of Operations to be effective 01-01-2008.

The board appointed Kirk Dean and Paul Braflaadt as the new personnel committee.

The board discussed the SDRF. Kirk Dean reported that he has submitted an article for the newsletter reviewing the fund and its status.

The board returned to follow up conversation on visioning. It was agreed that the agenda in January will again have time set aside for visioning.

The trustees adjourned at 11:05 A.M, Kent Groethe closed with prayer.

Respectfully,
Sue McKenzie