

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors
May 16, 2011 Proceedings**

Monday, May 16, 2011

Board Members Present: President Randall Golter, Rev. Allen Anderson, Mrs. Cheryl Olson, Ron Brandhorst; Rev. Roger Schlechte; Mr. Rob Doughty; Mr. James Tuell, Dale Stoner, Rev. Gary Trickey, Duane Nyen, Mr. Gary Anderson, Mr. Tom Berrong, Rev. Doug Escue

Board Members Absent:

Appointed Officers: Rev. Don Widger

District Staff: Mr. Doug Ullmann, Mr. Kevin Grein, Mr. Paul Albers

Staff Absent:

Guests: Mr. Randy Burns, Mr. Ken Vogel—Bylaws and Handbook Committee

[Note: All numbered items agree with the *sequence* numbers from the May 2011 Agenda.]

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Devotions 8:05 Rev. Don Widger – Opening Hymn “Have No Fear Little Flock” LSB p. 285. Reading John 10:1-10. Message “His People Don’t Follow the Voice of a Stanger.” Many competing voices call for our attention and allegiance, as people who have seen Jesus sacrifice on the cross, who have heard the Savior’s words of peace, we gladly follow the voice of the Jesus.**
3. **Approval of Minutes – January 2011 meeting, minutes accepted as amended 8:30 am**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda – agenda amended to include Dale Stoner for nominating committee at 2:00-2:15**
5. **Consent Agenda—approved 8:35**
6. **Presentation of White Paper – *Thinking Through the Ministry of a Middle Judicatory* 8:40**
 - **Philosophical and theological engagement with what it means to be District- with a practical expression of what this looks like in practice. What does the practice look like for the Board of Directors and Staff for District?**
 - **President Golter read—White Paper- *Thinking through the Ministry of a Middle Judicatory*—paper on file**
 - **Discussion of thoughts presented in paper**
7. **Break 9:55**
8. **10:15 Continuation of White Paper – *Thinking Through the Ministry of a Middle Judicatory***
 - **Continued on value of middle judicatory p. 8 and 9**
 1. **God still preserves and governs this fallen creation for the sake of the salvation of sinners until the last day.**
 2. **Fidelity to the Lord’s Word**

3.Fidelity to the Lord’s Work

4.Supervision

5.Perspective

6.Countering an extreme congregationalism which is against the communal life together with the Triune God

7.Prayer

- **Broke into small groups for discussion questions “Thinking Through the Ministry of a Middle Judicatory” Groups reported back the results of their discussions.**

9. Bible Study—President Randall Golter—Having a Clean Conscience -- Acts 23:1— moved to afternoon, following Agenda item 15.. Study on file

10. Lunch 12:00 –orders of the day called

11. Executive Session 1:10

12. Dale Stoner- Nominating Committee Report in preparation for 2012 RMD Convention

- **Want to go into convention with the Workbook completed for nominations**
- **Nominating committee meeting on the Monday night of the next Board of Directors Meeting**

13. Break— 2:25

14. 2: 35 Presentation of Proposed Bylaw & Handbook Changes to 2012 District Convention—proposed bylaws and Handbook changes on file.

- **For specific detailed comments to the bylaws and handbook, please see the revisions to both documents.**

15. Discussion of Proposed Bylaw & Handbook Changes to 2012 District Convention

16. 4:45 Orders of the Day changed to Bible study—President Golter

- **Having a Clean Conscience**
 - 1st Used in Acts 23:1 “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day.” Paul speaking. How could Paul stand before God with a good conscience?**
 - Conscience is not-not the natural law of God written in the heart (Rom 2:14-15)**
 - It is the gift of God whereby you have a self knowledge, an awareness of how God and other perceive you.**

17. Dinner

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

1. Devotion 8:10—President Golter—LSB p. 219 Matins, Hymn 709 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, Text: Acts 2:42-47. Focusing on the “they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching.” They wouldn’t let go, they displayed tenacity, to the apostles’ teaching, the Old Testament Scriptures brought them Jesus, forgiveness and life. Even more important that our tenacity is the tenacity of the Lord holding onto us. We are so sure we are in the grip of Christ that we can give away our lives and goods in service to others. These early believers were conservative with the Word of the Lord, the Sacraments, the teaching, and were very liberal with their lives and goods.

2. Executive Administration Report 8:35

- **Report on File**
- **Roughly will owe \$28,000 for 2011 two months of property taxes on Aurora Property**

- Many churches are putting themselves at risk in terms of the treasurer, practices that have been passed down that are in noncompliance
- Slides and pictures of Ysleta show to make aware of the current conditions of property
A Directive was given to the RMD Staff to find out what is needed to make the Ysleta campus a safe facility, and to assess what is needed for future property maintenance.

3. **9:20 Introductory Work of Staff: Strategizing for Goals Set by Board—Mr. Paul Albers**

- **Report on File—The 10 objectives of the Synod found in Constitution of the LCMS shape the objectives of the RMD as church in this region. Revisited the goals set by Board of Directors at the January meeting that are**
 - **1. To know the expectations of the RMD congregations in or to review present work**
 - **2. To equip all congregations to proclaim the Gospel in their changing culture.**
 - **Need to find out how the RMD can help individual congregations, and how has God gifted the congregation to help the whole of the District.**
 - **These discussions will be in light of the 10 objectives defined in Article III of the Constitution of the LCMS. How can we help you accomplish the objectives of Synod in your local congregation, and how can you help the District carry out the objectives on the larger scale of the region. The individual congregation is weaker without the whole, the whole is weaker without the individual congregation. So often the question is what can the District do for me?**
 - **Paul Albers will revise strategies to reflect the emphasis on using the Synods objectives as the RMD's objectives.**

4. **Break 9:50**

5. **10:05 Discussion Revision of LCEF Loan Review Process and Committee**

- **Resolution #2011-05-A-Adm-01**
- **TO REVISE THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL LUTHER CHURCH EXTENSION FUND SECTION**
- **MOTION MADE TO AMEND B 1. TO READ**
 - B. 1. The Rocky Mountain District shall maintain a committee comprised of at least 3 individuals with the background necessary to competently review loan requests. This committee will be appointed by the Rocky Mountain District President in consultation with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Vice President and approved by the Board of Directors**
 - C. Motion Approved**
 - D. Further Discussion**
 - E. Motion made to amend the amendment, , to read**

The Rocky Mountain District shall maintain a committee comprised of a Vice President of the Rocky Mountain District and at least 3 individuals with the background necessary to competently review loan requests. This committee will be appointed by the Rocky Mountain District President in consultation with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Vice President and approved by the Board of Directors.

1. motion seconded

- a. Motion adopted**
- b. Resolution Adopted as amended**

6. **Continuation of Board Feedback on Developed Strategies & Proposed Bylaw Changes—Rev. Roger Schlechte**
 - **For specific detailed comments to the bylaws and handbook, please see the revisions to both documents.**

7. **Orders of Day changed to include: Resolution #2011-05-A-Adm-02, 03**
 - **#2011-05-A-Adm-02**
 - **To Give Thanks for the Service of the Loan Advisory Committee to the Rocky Mountain District -adopted**
 - **Resolution #2011-05-A-Adm-03**
 - **To Give thank for the Service of the Audit and Finance Committee to the Rocky Mountain District- adopted**

8. **11:00Executive Session Called- ended 11:35**

9. **Bible Study 11:35 Returned to Conscience Bible Study, by President Randall Golter –Bible Study on File**

10. **Adjourn –Ron Brandhorst closing prayer**

11. **Lunch**