

THE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

**DELEGATE MEETING**

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:00 PM

Milwaukee Lutheran High School – Red Knight Room

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

(Pages 1-3 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Joel Waltersdorf, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.
- b. 38 delegates attended, representing 21 churches
- c. New delegates were welcomed and recognized.

**II. Focus on the Word / Opening Devotions**

(Pages 4-6 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Cole Braun, CEO, centered the devotion on next year's theme, "Stand Firm and Speak Truth", which is based on 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17. Cole closed in prayer.

**III. Summary and Approval of the Minutes of the September 7, 2016 Meeting**

(*Delegate Minutes 09-14-16* and Page 7 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on Website)

- a. Kim Nelson, Secretary, presented the summary.
- b. **Delegate action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**IV. Board of Directors Candidates for Election**

(Pages 8-17 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Joel Waltersdorf, President, presented.
- b. The following board members were recognized for their service: Diane Gilroy, Kim Nelson, Rev. Keith Speaks
- c. The nominating committee: Joel Waltersdorf, Daniel Zehnder, Tom Balgeman, Tom Schoewe, Chris Cody, Albert Amling, Lance O'Donnell, and Cole Braun.
- d. The current slate of candidates for Board election: Rev. Chad Kogutkiewicz, Dr. Nathan Gabler, Mitchell Stanford, Katie Baganz (up for re-election), Dan Garlock (up for re-election)
- e. There were no nominations from the floor.
- f. Discussion: There should be more candidates brought forth to the delegates for vacancies.
- g. **Delegate action:** A motion made and seconded to close the nominations. Motion carried.
- h. **Delegate action:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of candidates for the Board. Motion carried.
- i. **Delegate action:** By a verbal affirmation, the Delegates unanimously elected all 5 candidates to the Board.

**V. Financial Presentation**

(Pages 18-24 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Melanie Roberts, CFO, presented.
- b. The 2017-18 budget assumptions should result in \$13,546 in positive cash flow.
- c. Discussion continued.
  - Are you increasing the teachers at Martin Luther due to the increase in growth? Doesn't matter where the tuition dollars come from, but growth is controlled and culture is controlled. Due to the current faculty having capacity to teach more classes, staff wasn't increased at the same rate.
  - Why did you grow Milwaukee Lutheran to over 50% Choice? If we only accepted tuition paying kids, we would be one high school. We tripled recruiting efforts to find tuition paying kids and still got under 30 tuition paying kids.
  - Why the increase in tuition paying kids at Martin Luther? Partially due to who is in our feeder schools. Not due to the global studies program.

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- Is Milwaukee Lutheran’s facility reaching capacity with enrollment? Max capacity is somewhere between 800-900 students. School looks differently now than it did in its “hay day” when it was over 1000 students. Each of the three schools are close to maxing out in capacity. Increase in enrollment = need in funding/donations to cover the gap between tuition and the cost to educate a student.
  - What is Martin Luther’s new space downstairs to be used for? Educational purposes. The rummage sale is turning into a thrift store and finding a new location.
  - Is LSSSES staying in Milwaukee Lutheran? LSSSES is moving to Hales Corner’s old campus. This will open new classrooms at Milwaukee Lutheran.
- d. **Delegate action:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017-18 budget as presented. Motion carried.

**VI. Partnership Church Updates**

(Pages 25-27 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Cole Braun, CEO, presented.
- b. Partnership income is going down to \$925,000 for the 2017-18 budget. 31 churches make up the Association. Our schools are a mission field here in Milwaukee.

**VII. By-Laws Update**

(*By-Laws-Approved 5-10-17* on website and Pages 28-31 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Joel Waltersdorf, BOD President, presented.
- b. Article 3, Section 2 and 3 of the By-Laws.
- c. Currently this section is problematic when there are three Pastors on the board and one wants to step off mid-year. If there is more than one board members that want to step off the board, this change allows us to maintain a high number of 15 board members (which is 8 votes for a majority vote). Elected means the directors would be ratified at the next board meeting and be full voting members up until that time.
- d. **Delegate action:** Motion made and seconded to approve the By-Law changes in Article 3, Sections 2 and 3 as presented. Motion carried.

**VIII. Update on the Association**

(Pages 32-41 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. **Delegate action:** Motion made and seconded to formally thank Diane Gilroy, Kim Nelson, and Rev. Keith Speaks for their service. Motion carried.
- b. **Delegate action:** Motion made and seconded to formally thank Melanie Roberts for her service at the LHSAGM. Motion carried.
- c. Introduced the new Advancement members: Andy Locke & Chris Root.
- d. Played the “Celebrate” videos.
- e. Formal invitation extended to come visit the schools.

**IX. Closing Remarks/ Prayer / Adjournment**

(Pages 39-41 in *Presentation 5-10-17* on website)

- a. Joel Waltersdorf, President, shared a few closing remarks.
- b. Diane Gilroy closed in prayer.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Christine Oldenburg*