

Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting

WLS Alumni

Monday, September 22, 2008, 11:00 AM
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

Chairman Dan Balge opened the meeting by reading 2 Timothy 2:1-13. He then led the assembly in a prayer asking our Lord to bless our Seminary and all those who teach and train there. The alumni then joined to sing "God of the Prophets" (CW 543).

Seminary President Paul Wendland welcomed the alumni, highlighting the close bond that exists between the alumni and the school at which they had trained for ministry.

Minutes

The minutes of September 17, 2007 were adopted as presented.

Departed to Glory

Pastor Earle Treptow read the roll of WLS Alumni who departed to glory since the 2007 annual meeting of WLS Alumni. The assembly then sang verses of the hymn: "For All the Saints" (CW551, vv. 1-b3).

Elections

The WLS Nominating Committee presented a slate of three candidates for each vacant position, i.e., Vice President and Secretary. The Alumni reelected Pastor Earle Treptow to serve as Vice-President and Pastor Carl Ziemer to serve as Secretary.

President Balge then read his President's Report which highlighted activities and matters of concern which the WLS Alumni Executive Committee had addressed during the year past. His full report is attached to these minutes.

Constitutional Matters:

VP Earle Treptow led the assembly through a series of constitutional changes recommended by the WLS Alumni Executive Committee. After some discussion a motion to adopt the changes was approved. (A copy of the amended constitution with the changes highlighted is attached.)

Earle Treptow then led the assembly through recommended changes to the WLS Alumni By-laws and moved adoption. The motion was supported. During discussion, Prof. Manthey suggested that point 3.7 be changed to read: "all official actions of the Executive Committee". A motion to amend the wording of the original proposal to: "all official actions of the Executive Committee" passed.

After further discussion, the WLS Alumni officially approved the recommended by-law changes as amended at the meeting. (A copy of the amended WLS Alumni constitution by-laws with the changes highlighted is attached.)

Financial Matters:

Auditing Committee Report

The WLS Alumni reviewed and approved the report of the Auditing Committee as presented.

Treasurer's Report

WLS Treasurer Aaron Christie read the WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report. After he fielded a number of questions, the assembly approved his report.

Report on 150th Anniversary Book

Pastor Joel Pless distributed a printed report (attached) to the assembly. Through his report Pastor Pless explained why the book would be appropriate and what the book would contain. He then asked for the support and cooperation of WLS Alumni. After Pastor Pless answered a number of questions, the assembly passed a motion thanking the committee and encouraging them in their work.

Communication from and to WLS Alumni

President Balge invited the Alumni fill out the evaluation forms included in the annual meeting folder and to return them to the Executive Committee.

Next meeting of WLS Alumni: September 21, 2009

The second annual meeting of the WLS Alumni adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Attachments:

- Minutes of the September 17, 2007, WLS Alumni annual meeting
- WLS Alumni 2007-2008 President's report
- Copies of approved changes to the WLS Alumni constitution and by-laws
- Report from the ad hoc committee working to publish a book commemorating the 150th anniversary of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (Chairman Joel Pless).

