



Pending Approval—Minutes

Tenth Annual Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016, 11:00 AM

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

President Mark Eckert opened the tenth annual WLS Alumni meeting at 11:00 a.m. with the invocation and with prayer.

Greeting from the Seminary

President Paul Wendland greeted the alumni. The Pastoral Studies Institute has allowed the seminary to train people who come here from different parts of the world and then return to spread the gospel in their native countries. Also, many Lutheran churches around the world no longer want to be part of the Lutheran World Federation and are looking for other partners in pastor training. Now instead of going to them we respond when they come to us for help. Therefore the seminary has recently called an International Recruitment Director so that other professors are not occupied with this work. The seminary is also now exploring again the question of pursuing accreditation. The seminary remains focused on its mission to fill men with the gospel of God's grace so that they may then go out into the world with that gospel.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Classes

President Eckert spoke about the mission of WLS Alumni and welcomed the alumni by decade.

Minutes of September 21, 2015

The minutes of the September 21, 2015, annual meeting were adopted.

Auditing Committee Recommendation

President Eckert entertained a motion that we disband the Auditing Committee since our accounts are held by the Seminary and are audited by the Seminary business office. The motion was made, supported, and carried.

Elections (Vice President, Secretary, Committee Members)

The assembled alumni voted to fill positions up for election on the WLS Alumni Executive Committee and Board. The alumni thanked Vice President Tim Dolan for his years of service. The results of the election were as follows:

- Vice President: Mark Luetzow (2003)
- Secretary: Nathan Ericson (2002)
- Nominating Committee member: Paul Schulz (2001)
- Membership Committee member: John Brenner (1977)

Financial Report

Treasurer Rich Waldschmidt presented the WLS Alumni treasurer's report. Last year, ended June 30, 2016, WLS Alumni received \$4185 in gifts for the operating fund. We awarded two \$1000 scholarships and assisted the Grow in Grace retreat with \$200. Net assets as of June 30, 2016, were \$2339, an increase of \$947. There were \$1326 in gifts to the endowment fund; together with market changes, the endowment balance increased during the year ended June 30, 2016, by \$1316.04 to \$10357.13.

Awarding of Scholarships

Professor Richard Gurgel welcomed Senior Josh Jensen and Middler Adam Lambrecht, this year's recipients of the WLS Alumni scholarships. Both expressed appreciation for the gifts received.

Roll of Alumni Departed to Glory since Last We Met

Professor John Brenner read the roll of the 19 WLS alumni who had departed to glory since the 2015 WLS Alumni annual meeting. The alumni then sang hymn 551, "For All the Saints," stanzas 1-8. Professor Bill Tackmier was the organist for the day.

Main Presentation (President John Braun of Northwestern Publishing House, WLS 1969)

President John Braun spoke to the alumni about the WELS Reformation 500 committee and the upcoming film documentary, congregational video, and Bible study vignettes. Also, his book "Luther's Protest" is now available from NPH.

Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Adjournment

The date of the next annual meeting is subject to when the seminary schedules next year's symposium. The tenth annual meeting of WLS Alumni adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Nathan Ericson, Secretary

Related Documents

- Minutes of the September 21, 2015, meeting
- The Chronicler's Report of WLS alumni who departed to glory since the 2015 meeting
- The 2015-2016 WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report
- President John Braun's handout on Reformation 500