



Minutes

Eleventh Annual Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2017, 10:30 AM
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

President Mark Eckert opened the eleventh annual WLS Alumni meeting at 10:30 a.m. with the invocation and with prayer.

Greeting from the Seminary

President Paul Wendland greeted the alumni, gave a word of encouragement, and led the alumni in a prayer for the seminary.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Classes

President Eckert welcomed the alumni by decade. The oldest alumnus present was from the class of 1955.

Minutes of September 19, 2016

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2016, annual meeting.

Elections (President, Treasurer, Committee Members)

The assembled alumni voted to fill positions up for election on the WLS Alumni Executive Committee and Board. The results of the election were as follows:

- President: Mark Eckert (WLS 1984)
- Treasurer: Richard Waldschmidt (WLS 1990)
- Nominating Committee member: John Bortulin (WLS 2005)
- Membership Committee member: Kenneth Brokmeier (WLS 1988)

Financial Report

Vice President Mark Luetzow presented the WLS Alumni treasurer's report for Treasurer Rich Waldschmidt, who was absent for a funeral. Last year, ended June 30, 2017, WLS Alumni received \$2320 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, 2017, were \$1295, a decrease of \$1044. There were \$290 in gifts to the endowment fund; together with market

changes, the endowment balance increased during the year ended June 30, 2017, by \$1572 to \$11,929. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the treasurer's report.

Awarding of Scholarships

President Mark Eckert welcomed Senior Cale Mead and Middler James Hemmelman, this year's recipients of the WLS Alumni scholarships. Both expressed appreciation for the gifts received.

Main Presentation (Professor Daniel Balge of Martin Luther College, WLS 1985)

Dan Balge gave a presentation, "Where Form Speaks Function: A Brief Look at a Lutheran Building."

Roll of Alumni Departed to Glory since Last We Met

Professor John Brenner read the roll of the 27 WLS alumni who had departed to glory since the 2016 WLS Alumni annual meeting. Additions to the list were Rev. Robert Bitter, Class of 1968, and Rev. Marvin Radke, Class of 1949. The alumni then sang hymn 551, "For All the Saints." Professor Bill Tackmier was the organist for the day.

Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Adjournment

The date of the next annual meeting is subject to when the seminary schedules next year's symposium. The eleventh annual meeting of WLS Alumni adjourned at 11:52 a.m. with prayer and the common doxology.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Nathan Ericson, Secretary

Related Documents

- Minutes of the September 19, 2016, meeting
- The Chronicler's Report of WLS alumni who departed to glory since the 2016 meeting
- The 2016-2017 WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report