



Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting Held Monday, September 19, 2011, 11 a.m. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

Alumni President Daniel Balge opened the fifth annual WLS Alumni meeting at 11 a.m. The alumni listened attentively as he read a selection from 1Timothy 6 and offered a prayer. The alumni then lifted their voices to sing "God of the Prophets" (CW 543).

Greeting from WLS President

President Paul Wendland greeted returning alumni, recalling the many blessings which the Lord has poured out on students and the synod through the Seminary. "Our seminary aims to prepare men – not with a heart at rest, but with a heart restless to bring others to know the saving gospel." He ended his comments with a prayer that God would bless the alumni and their efforts to support the students and faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 21, 2009, annual meeting were adopted as presented.

The assembled alumni then voted to fill vacant positions on the WLS Alumni Executive Committee and Board. President Balge thanked all those who had faithfully served on the board and whose terms had come to an end. The results of the vote are as follows:

- President: Daniel Balge (1985)
- Treasurer: Aaron Christie (1979)
- Auditing Committee member: Daniel Voigt (1992)
- Nominating Committee member: Robert Hoepner (1972)
- Membership Committee member: Kenneth Brokmeier (1988)

Following the announcement of election results, President Balge thanked those alumni who had been nominated for office but were not elected.

Chronicler's Report

WLS Prof. Brenner read the roll of the WLS alumni who had departed to glory since the 2010 WLS Alumni annual meeting. The list included the names of 14 men, one of which should have appeared in the Chronicler's Report of 2010. The alumni then sang "For All the Saints" (CW 551, stanzas 1-3).



President's Report

President Balge reported that the Executive Committee has continued to solicit gifts in support of our alma mater, conducted its business in cost-effective ways, and worked closely with the WLS Mission Advancement and Business Offices. Although WLS Alumni has not yet become self-supporting, we continue to strive toward that goal. He pointed out that a more robust response to appeals will be needed if the Alumni are to fund two \$1,000 scholarships each year.

Balge reminded the brothers that "Continuing education remains a priority project by and for the Alumni." To that end the Executive Committee is exploring ways to lend assistance and support for venues similar to the Parish Ministry Enhancement gatherings sponsored by Parish Services several years ago.

President Balge concluded his report with words of thanks to WLS Alumni officers and committees for their faithful service during the year past.

Financial Matters

Representing the Auditing Committee, Pastor Doer reported that our financial records were found to be accurate and in good order.

Treasurer Aaron Christie reported that revenues of \$2,353 were received and expenses \$2,373 were paid out. Proposal regarding operating costs – approved by silent consensus

2011 Scholarship Award

The WLS Alumni awarded a \$1,000 scholarship middler Evan Chartrand of Manassas, VA. Evan was present to personally thank the alumni. In his comments he related advice his father had given him as he began preparing for the public ministry: "Your job right now is to be the best student you can be. Use the gifts God has given you to the best of your ability." "I've taken that to heart..." Evan said. He concluded by asking for the prayers of the alumni as he continues his studies.

Report on 150th Anniversary Book

Dr. Joel Pless reported that while the committee had made some progress toward gathering authors and determining content for an anniversary book, major obstacles would have to be overcome in order to achieve their original assignment.

Because of time and cost restraints, therefore the committee recommended that the WLS Alumni dismiss the current committee and appoint a new committee to follow through with an



adjusted goal of publishing a publishing an anniversary book at a later date or publishing a series of historical articles in journal format.

After discussion, a motion passed to dismiss the current Anniversary Book Committee with thanks. A second motion then passed which authorized a series of articles on various aspects of the seminary's history and to publish them in journal format via the Wisconsin Lutheran Historical Institute Journal and/or the WLS Quarterly.

Reflections on "Life on the Hill during World War II"

Professor Emeritus John Jeske offered the alumni a vivid glimpse into the past as he reflected on what it was like to live and study at the seminary during the troubling times of World War II. The assembled alumni enthusiastically applauded after his lively and informative presentation.

Next meeting: September 17, 2012

Adjournment

The fifth annual meeting of the WLS Alumni adjourned at 12:13 p.m. A light lunch was enjoyed in the dormitory commons following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Carl Ziemer, Secretary

Attachments

- Minutes of the September 20, 2010, meeting
- The Chronicler's Report of WLS alumni who departed to glory since the 2010 annual meeting
- The 2010-2011 WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report
- The report of the WLS Alumni Anniversary Book Committee