



WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

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Minutes

Fifteenth Annual Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2022, 10:30 AM
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

President Mark Eckert opened the fifteenth annual WLS Alumni meeting at 10:31 a.m. with a reading from Philemon and with prayer. Vice President Steve Geiger greeted the alumni.

Awarding of Scholarships

President Mark Eckert welcomed Middler Mark Burger and Senior Ethan Schultz, this year's recipients of the WLS Alumni scholarships. Both expressed appreciation for the gifts received.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Classes

President Eckert welcomed the alumni by decade. The oldest alumnus present was from the class of 1967.

Minutes of September 20, 2021

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021, annual meeting.

Elections (Vice President, Secretary, Committee Members)

The assembled alumni cast written ballots. The results of the election were as follows:

- Vice President: Mark Luetzow (WLS 2003)—term ending 2024
- Secretary: Nathan Ericson (WLS 2002)—term ending 2024
- Nominating Committee member: Paul Schulz (WLS 2001)—term ending 2025
- Membership Committee member: John Brenner (WLS 1977)—term ending 2025

Financial Report

Treasurer Rich Waldschmidt presented the WLS Alumni treasurer's report. In the year ending June 30, 2022, WLS Alumni received \$4975 in gifts for the operating fund. We awarded two \$1000 scholarships and supported the Grow in Grace retreats with a \$750 gift. Net assets as of June 30, 2022, were \$2640, an increase of \$355. There were \$7965 in gifts to the endowment fund; together with market changes, the endowment balance increased during the year ended June 30, 2022, by \$2370 to \$28,538. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the

treasurer's report.

Main Presentation (Professor Steve Pagels, WLS Strategic Planning Committee, WLS 1999)

Prof. Pagels introduced the alumni to the WLS strategic plan adopted in 2020, which is posted on the seminary website. Under item 6 of the strategic plan, a facilities committee has been established to create a new master site plan. The committee interviewed three architecture firms and selected HGA. The master plan focused on new classroom space, gathering and fellowship space, and repurposing existing facilities. The next step is to present the plan to the Synodical Council for approval of a capital campaign.

Professor Pagels reviewed various portions of the master plan, including details of concepts for new classroom space, gathering space, library renovations, and faculty offices.

Roll of Alumni Departed to Glory since Last We Met

Professor John Brenner read the roll of 28 WLS alumni, and two other men who served in the WELS ministerium, who had departed to glory since the 2021 WLS Alumni annual meeting. One correction was of the name Karl J. rather than Kenneth J. Vertz. The alumni then sang hymn 551, "For All the Saints," stanzas 1-4, 7, and 8. Student Erik Lund was the organist for the day.

Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Adjournment

The date of the next annual meeting is anticipated to be Monday, September 18, 2023. A motion was made, supported, and carried to close the meeting. The fifteenth annual meeting of WLS Alumni adjourned at 11:39 a.m. with the singing of the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Nathan Ericson, Secretary

Related Documents

- Minutes of the September 20, 2021, annual meeting;
- The Chronicler's Report of WLS alumni who departed to glory since the 2021 meeting;
- The WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report.