



WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

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Minutes

Thirteenth Annual Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2019, 10:30 AM
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

President Mark Eckert opened the thirteenth annual WLS Alumni meeting at 10:33 a.m. with the invocation and prayer.

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 17, 2018

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2018, annual meeting.

Elections (President, Treasurer, Committee Members)

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the ballot as presented. 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: Paul Schulz (WLS 2001)
- Membership Committee member: John Brenner (WLS 1977)

Financial Report

President Mark Eckert presented the WLS Alumni treasurer's report for treasurer Rich Waldschmidt. Last year, ended June 30, 2019, WLS Alumni received \$3080 in gifts for the operating fund. We awarded two \$1000 scholarships and assisted the Grow in Grace retreat with \$250. Net assets as of June 30, 2019, were \$1949, a decrease of \$375. There were \$460 in gifts to the endowment fund; together with market changes, the endowment balance increased during the year ended June 30, 2019, by \$1285 to \$15,467. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the treasurer's report.

Awarding of Scholarships

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

Main Presentation (President Earle Treptow of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, WLS 1993)

President Treptow gave a presentation about the history of the seminary presidency and stepping in to the role of president of the seminary. While reviewing a brief biographical sketch of each past president, President Treptow highlighted various duties of the office: praying that the Lord of the harvest would send out workers, ensuring that God's Word is taught in its truth and purity, encouraging collegiality on the faculty, communicating in the language of the people, seeing Scripture as the source of truth, writing and being useful to the entire church body, standing for conviction, teaching in the classroom, humble and gentle service as a pastor, seeking consensus toward a common goal, zeal to share the gospel, and doing what you are called to do to the glory of God for the mission of the church. He described our seminary's work as "Lutheran pastors preparing Lutheran pastors" and spoke of the importance of pastoral experience for faculty, of maintaining a collegial working relationship based on respect and trust, and of the importance of teaching theology as *habitus practicus*.

Roll of Alumni Departed to Glory since Last We Met

Professor John Brenner read the roll of the 29 WLS alumni, and one Bethany Seminary graduate who served in the WELS, who had departed to glory since the 2018 WLS Alumni annual meeting. The alumni then sang hymn 551, "For All the Saints," stanzas 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8. Professor James Tiefel was the organist for the day.

Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Adjournment

The date of the next annual meeting is set for Monday, September 21. A motion was made, supported, and carried to close the meeting. The thirteenth annual meeting of WLS Alumni adjourned at 11:37 a.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Nathan Ericson, Secretary

Related Documents

- Minutes of the September 17, 2018, meeting
- The Chronicler's Report of WLS alumni who departed to glory since the 2018 meeting
- The 2018-2019 WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report