

Minutes from the Thursday Session October 30th, 2003 Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers' Conference Assembled At Wisconsin Lutheran High School

The 132nd session of the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers' Conference began with an opening devotion and worship at 8:30 A.M.

Before devotion – Chairman Phil Krueger had announcements concerning Chairman Wiegman, parking and other miscellaneous items.

Phil announced that the offering collected during the opening service would be used for “Kids’ Connection.”

Phil introduced Wisco principal Ned Goede. Ned had some words of thanks and introduction, as well as information concerning the remodeling of the auditorium. Promises for next year received applause.

Worship begins following the announcements by Phil and Ned. Pastor Gumm led worship with the theme “Leaders in Faith.”

Following worship, Phil addressed the assembly concerning sectionals, folders for principals, and introduced the chairman of the elections committee. A run-off election was held and results were reported:

Paul Tess – Vice President

Joanne Albrecht – Female Program Committee Member

Following elections, more information was shared concerning sectionals that were changed. If those changes are needed, Phil will have to share his list since there were too many to report at this time.

Phil introduced WELS Synod President Karl Gurgel at 9:49 A.M. President Gurgel then shared his presentation with the assembly entitled “Reclaiming Our First Love.”

Following President Gurgel’s address, the assembly was dismissed to attend the Thursday morning sectional and to adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session and Business Meeting:

“A Leader, In Faith, Will Grab the Golden Moment and Eat What’s On His Plate.” This was the theme of Kevin Loersch’s devotion to begin the afternoon session. Following devotion, Phil had a few housekeeping announcements for the entire assembly. Phil then

introduced Jim Brandt for a report from the Commission on Parish Schools. A copy of the CPS Update was included in the folders distributed to all teachers.

Jim spoke about Jason Nelson's leave of absence from the CPS. A trust fund for Jason and his family will be set up soon. A Call to replace Jason will be sent out very soon.

Other topics addressed by Jim are included in the CPS Update.

Two new schools--Risen Savior, Milwaukee and Southern Lutheran Academy in Mulberry, Florida.

Jim Brandt concluded his CPS presentation and moved immediately into a presentation entitled "Positioning Lutheran Schools For Outreach." Jim began by introducing his partner in the presentation, Mr. Steve Granberg from Apostles' Lutheran in San Jose, California. Jim gave some words of introduction concerning being witnesses for Christ. Steve then began his portion of the presentation regarding the success story of outreach at Apostles' Lutheran. Jim and Steve wrapped up their fine presentation at 3:00 P.M.

Minutes from the Thursday afternoon business meeting:

Phil called the business meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the 2002 Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher's Conference. The motion passed.

Election results were shared with the assembly:

Rita Eligan – Female Program Committee

Jay Storm – Male Program Committee

Offering Count -- \$2676.83 (Kids' Connection)

Jim Sievert gave the Treasurers report. A copy of his report was shared with the assembly via handout. A question was raised concerning dues for teachers. A ceiling of \$50.00 per teacher will be reached next year – based on decisions made during former conferences. Motion moved and seconded to accept Jim's report. Motion passed.

Program Committee Chairman Randy Watts was introduced and gave his report using forms distributed to the assembly in their conference folders. Randy spoke of the committee's efforts to bring in a nationally known speaker for our conference. Randy also asked the assembly to turn in sheets concerning future topics, sectionals and the like. Randy encouraged members of the teachers' conference to use the conference's new website located at: www.wlstc.org

Phil pleaded with the members still in attendance to turn in the sheets needed for future conferences so that conferences of the future can continue to improve.

Executive Committee Goals:

- 1) Finishing Up Job Descriptions
- 2) Continue Enhancing The Number Of ECE Presentations
- 3) Incorporation As A Body

Phil announced that there is no new business at this time and asked the assembly if there was any business to bring forward. No new business.

Phil presented the proposed changes to the constitution. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed changes.

Discussion: Fees paid only by those attending conference.

Discussion: Errors -- Grammatical corrections were shared with the chair and changes were noted.

Page 20 -- Ministries not Ministry

Page 20 – SE Wisconsin District, Not Southern District

Page 24 -- “It shall accept” not “They Shall Accept”

Discussion: Amendments responsibility of schools, not teachers. One ballot per school. This is true for amendments, not elections.

Motion called: Motion passed unanimously.

Phil closed the business meeting. Assembly was dismissed with encouragement to attend devotion the following morning.

End of Thursday Session

Friday Session: WLSTC

The Friday morning session (October 31st – Reformation Day) of the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers’ Conference began with an opening devotion led by Kevin Loersch.

Following devotion, Phil had some announcements concerning parking, litter in the auditorium and also requested that the assembly turn in the conference evaluation forms as well as the Program Committee sheets. Phil also asked that the name tag holders given to those in attendance would turn the holders and strings back in at the close of conference.

Phil had information about the lack of contact with the DPI concerning clock hours. No new information was available at present.

At 8:55 A.M. Phil introduced Prof. Paul Kelm – the conference speaker for Friday morning. His topic: “Teacher-Leaders For the 21st Century.”

Prof. Kelm was thanked for his presentation and the assembly was invited to discuss his words in a sectional.

Phil had announcements and housekeeping that need not be recorded in this format.

Phil encouraged all in attendance to join together for the final devotion. Phil also thanked the presenters, to Peggi Scharf (received with applause) and to Renee Scherr and to the outgoing Program Committee members, to our organist and to our devotion leader.

Following the Friday morning sectionals, the assembly met for a closing devotion officially bringing a close to the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers’ Conference of 2003.