

Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher's Conference

Minutes From Thursday, October 27, 2005

The 134th meeting of the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher's Conference was called to order by Chairman Phil Krueger at 8:17 A.M. in the auditorium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Phil announced that the nametags for letters "M" through "S" are missing due to a breakdown at Kinko's Copy Center. Nametags will be available at lunch. Worship folders were distributed to those in attendance.

Phil introduced Mr. Ned Goede, principal of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Principal Goede welcomed the assembly. Principal Goede shared the excitement of the mission of Wisco – being a school of nurture and outreach. The assembly was wished a blessed conference by Principal Goede. Chairman Krueger thanked Wisco for their hospitality.

Phil overviewed the parking situation and parking restrictions for the assembly. He then called the assembly to worship.

Pastor Mark Braun of Wisconsin Lutheran College led the assembly in worship – sharing with us the message of "Jesus Priceless Treasure," and "Jesus' Priceless Treasure."

Chairman Krueger indicated that our worship's mission collection is being sent to our Synod's worker training school – Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Phil then welcomed Scott Huebner to speak about the financial situation at our college in New Ulm. Scott represents the governing board at MLC. Scott spoke about some of the misconceptions that people may have about our college. He shared some of the negative news – especially in regards to budget shortfalls. Scott then shared news of a positive nature indicating that our college is still a blessing to our synod – a school blessed by our Lord. Many young people are currently present on campus ready and eager to serve Him. Scott finished his discussion by asking all of us to encourage our young people to consider the public ministry in their future. Scott asked the assembly to stop at the MLC display in the auxiliary gym for a number of handouts and brochures that would give much more information to all concerning the situation at our college.

Chairman Krueger introduced Mr. Jim Brandt from our synod's Commission on Parish Schools for a report to the assembly. Jim encouraged everyone to read through the special report handed out in the folders distributed to all teachers. He gave special attention to the feasibility study currently being done regarding alternate funding for CPS. Jim also emphasized the accreditation process (WELSSA) as a positive program having great success in our synod. Mr. Jeff Inniger introduced the principals of recently accredited schools. Jeff encouraged all to become a part of the WELSSA process.

Chairman Krueger took care of some housekeeping following the CPS report – reminding everyone to check out the displays in the auxiliary gym. He also mentioned

that there were some electronic giveaways from Wisco for anyone interested. Phil pointed out a number of items in the folders to make sure everyone was aware of some of the important materials contained therein. The ballots in the folders are to be handed in upon dismissal.

Chairman Krueger introduced Kathy Koch, Ph.D. from “Celebrate Kids.” Celebrate Kids, Inc. is located in Fort Worth, Texas. Kathy led the assembly in a presentation entitled: “No Two Alike: Teaching, Communicating and Learning by Style.”

At the close of Dr. Koch’s presentation, she was thanked both by the assembly and by Chairman Krueger. Phil encouraged the assembly to reconvene at 1:15 P.M. for a devotion.

End of Morning Session

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began at 1:18 P.M. with a devotion led by Pastor Robert Gurgel of St. Lucas Lutheran in Milwaukee. Following the devotion, the assembly was dismissed for sectionals.

During the afternoon, a count of the morning’s mission offering showed that Martin Luther College will receive \$3280.07 from the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher’s Conference. May God bless our giving.

Election ballots were counted during the afternoon sectionals, with the following results:

Male Program Committee: Paul Patterson and Scott Wagner

Female Program Committee: Lynn Affeldt and Gena Uhlenbrauch

Following sectionals, the assembly reconvened in the auditorium for a closing devotion led once again by Pastor Robert Gurgel. Just before the devotion, Chairman Krueger had some remarks concerning a number of complaints concerning illegal parking. The assembly was encouraged to choose legal parking areas and to use good judgment when choosing a parking spot.

End of Afternoon Session

Friday, October 28, 2005
Morning Session

The morning session for Friday, October 28, 2005 began with Chairman Krueger taking care of some housekeeping issues with seating in the auditorium and automobile parking. After Phil's welcome, the assembly joined in worship.

Pastor Robert Gurgel once again led the assembly in devotion, sharing with everyone his message; "Personal Appreciation of our Partners in Sharing our Priceless Treasure."

After devotion, Peggy Scharf addressed the assembly about parking and the problems that are arising due to people parking in the wrong areas around Wisconsin Lutheran High School. After Peggy, Phil reported about the offering collected on Thursday – the amount is recorded in another section of these minutes. Phil also asked that the assembly would turn in their conference evaluation forms and future topic suggestion forms. Phil asked for the turn-in of name tag holders and cords. Election results were also shared – results of those elections are recorded elsewhere in these minutes. Phil encouraged the assembly to join in worship at the close of sessions. Those who choose not to worship are asked not to visit in the hallway directly outside the auditorium.

Chairman Krueger introduced President Paul Prange of Michigan Lutheran Seminary. His keynote address: "What's Important In Your Ministry?"

Following the presentation, Chairman Krueger thanked President Prange for his message. Phil also took care of housekeeping in reading off the names of the NWP gift certificate winners. The assembly was then dismissed to sectionals.

Following the completion of the Friday morning sectionals, the 134th meeting of the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teacher's Conference was brought to a conclusion with a few words of thanks by Chairman Krueger, and with a devotion led by Pastor Robert Gurgel; "Personal Appreciation of the "Cost" of Sharing Our Priceless Treasure With Others."

In His Service,

Steven J. Janke, Secretary

Jesus – Our Priceless Treasure!