



ILDA Board Meeting Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas July 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Gregory Werth. Rev. Tyler Walworth gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

President – Gregory Werth	Central Region President – no rep present
President-Elect – John Mason	Midwest Region President – Sara Hale
Secretary – Janet Gehlbach	Great Lakes Region President – Nancy Bergstresser, rep
Treasurer – David Brown	Northwest Region representative – no rep present
Pastor Advisor – Rev. Tyler Walworth	2017 Indianapolis host – Rev. Alan Rork
LDMS Representative – Rev. Ron Friedrich	Nominations Committee – John Mason
Deaf Lutheran editor – Janet Gehlbach	Mission Projects – Becky Jungklaus (late arrival)
Deaf Lutheran Business Manager – Carolyn Snyder-Mason	Necrology – Diane Francisco, not present

Minutes

1. John Mason (Nancy Bergstresser) moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2017 Board meeting (Indianapolis, IN) as read. Passed.

President's Report (Gregory Werth)

1. President Werth welcomed everyone to Kansas and thanked Sara Hale and her committee for their hard work with this year's convention.
2. Reported on the regions. Eastern Region closed and Christ/Deaf, Silver Springs, MD asked to join with the Great Lakes Region. Sara Hale reported she is trying to merge the Midwest Region with the Central Region.
3. President Werth hopes that the regions are re-structured by the time of the 2021 convention.
4. Would like to plant the seed for a host congregation for the 2023 convention.

Deaf Lutheran Report (Janet Gehlbach)

1. I have served since 2013 with Rev. Daryl Gehlbach as co-editor. But now I am sole editor because he decided I didn't need his help any more! Switching to a new computer program, Publisher, has helped make it easier for me to prepare the *Deaf Lutheran* newsletter.
2. You can read the *Deaf Lutheran* online on the ILDA website. It is free but if you want paper copy it costs \$10.00. Send subscriptions to Carolyn Snyder-Mason. She has copies of the form.
3. I brought extra copies of the *Deaf Lutheran* with me. So help yourself. If any issues are left, I will take home and recycle.
4. Please send me your news, photos and articles. Deadline dates are January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.
5. The next issue in August will have a summary of the 2019 convention and will include photos.
6. Thank you to Carolyn Snyder-Mason, Business Manager and John Mason, Database Assistant for taking care of the LFCU bank accounts and sending me the *Deaf Lutheran* mailing labels.
7. Thank you to Rev. Ron Friedrich for putting on the website the *Deaf Lutheran* issues and any ILDA minutes and reports from the conventions.

Deaf Lutheran Business Manager (Carolyn Snyder-Mason)

1. The financial report is from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.
2. All deposits were done by my husband via his iPhone using LCFU's application called mobile deposit.
3. The checking account balance as of June 30, 2017 was #313.19. From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, deposited \$455.00 from subscribers. With subscribers the balance brings a total of \$768.19. However, expenses paid by checks and debit card is \$605.51 for the printing of the newsletters, postage and envelopes. This gives us overall balance of checking account to \$162.68.
3. The savings account has not been touched but earned \$1.15 interest and brings a balance of \$1,013.68.
4. Balances are \$162.68 in the checking account and \$1013.68 in the savings account for a grand total balance of \$1,176.36 in the Deaf Lutheran Funds.
5. (ADDENDUM: Canada has not renewed their subscriptions yet. They are mailed 10 copies. Look at your mailing label for the renewal date of the *Deaf Lutheran* subscription. Some people still want a paper copy instead of reading it online as some have no computer. There was discussion about sending out the *Deaf Lutheran* via email but no action was taken. About 60 copies are mailed out. The *Deaf Lutheran* financial report was audited by Gregory Werth and David G. Brown)

Necrology Report (Diane Francisco – not present)

The Necrology power point presentation (prepared by Rev. Daryl and Janet Gehlbach) of those ILDA members and pastors/pastor's wives who passed away since the Indianapolis convention will be shown at the banquet on Saturday night.

Regional Presidents/representative reports

1. **Central Region** – no report submitted, no representative in attendance
2. **Great Lakes** (President Larry Ginter's report was presented by Nancy Bergstresser)
 - a. Officers for the Great Lakes Region are:
 - President: Larry Ginter, Cleveland, Ohio
 - Vice President: Nancy Bergstresser, Columbus, Ohio
 - Treasurer: Karen Beiter, Rochester, NY
 - Secretary: JoAnna Rushton, Rochester, NY
 - Pastor Advisor: Pastor Edwin Bergstresser, Columbus, Ohio
 - b. Good Shepherd of the Deaf Lutheran Church conference hosted by Howard and Lois Snyder in Toledo, Ohio on July 13-15, 2018. Approximately 40-50 people attended.
 - c. John Mason of Silver Springs, Maryland accepted his former Eastern Region conference transfer to Great Lakes Region Conference. All of them accepted. Would like to receive a letter from ILDA accepting this transfer. So far have not heard anything yet.
 - d. All of the officers talked about GLRC laws. We worked hard. Karen Beiter, JoAnna Rushton, Larry Ginter, Nancy Bergstresser and David Brown (helper). God's blessings with us and you, too!
 - e. Great Lakes region will be hosted by Cleveland, Ohio next year.
 - f. Deacon John Rushton, Rochester, NY, will be ordained to be SMP on August 11, 2019.
 - g. All of our churches n GLRC are getting smaller but are good and faithful members.
3. **Midwest Region** (President Sara Hale)
 - a. Midwest Region met in Austin, MN in 2018. It was a small group (about 15 people) but it was still a fun fellowship opportunity. We got to tour the Spam Museum and many of us left with unique tasting cans of Spam.
 - b. Due to the small turnout we had a hard time filling officer positions that we voted all positions ACL, but unfortunately since that time, two officers have stepped down for various reasons. We currently don't have a Vice-President or Treasurer. I know I need to choose two more officers but having difficulty thinking of who can fulfill these positions.

c. As a group, we voted to try to merge with the Central Region. I contacted their Pastor Advisor, Pastor Bud Palmer. He was open to the idea but needed to confer with the rest of the officers and since that time I have not heard anything.

d. We also discovered we had some banking issues but that has been resolved thanks to Pastor Gehlbach.

4. **Northwest Region** (no representative in attendance but Rev. David Nielsen did submit a report that was handed out to the Board. It is summarized below. His full report can be read online after the convention)

a. Rev. Bob Bauer and his wife Ellen are getting older, more frail and for Bob, immobile. At the most, they're working a couple or a few days a month at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Edmonton, Alberta. The church is being served by Rev. Lawrence Eckert, a former professor of Edmonton's Concordia Lutheran Seminary. All of them are serving beyond their retirement date. The church is now a dual type of ministry to the hearing and the deaf.

b. Deaf ministries at Calgary, AB and Regina, SK are basically non-existent. No reports from there.

c. In Seattle, Rev. William Ludwig's wife, Sigrid, passed away and Rev. Greg and Deaconess Linda Desrosiers attended the service. Rev. Ludwig is still serving but not as a full-time pastor.

d. Rev. Martin Hewitt is serving Spokane as a needed pastor and not full-time.

e. Portland, Oregon ministry only has two members. They are trying to grow.

f. Rev. Steven Schlund serves half-time ministry to two churches- hearing and deaf.

g. Trinity Lutheran Church, Vancouver, BC, is still serving in three different areas of the Greater Vancouver area. TLCD will be celebrating their 90th anniversary with two workshops by Rev. John Reinke on August 31 before heading to the Deaf Seniors of America conference in Seattle in Sept. TLCD has three deaf workers and looking to expand.

h. Asking that the Lord of the harvest will send more workers to the Northwest Region.

Nominations (John Mason)

1. The past ILDA President becomes the nominations chair for the next convention.

2. John asked for nominations for officers by putting a vlog on the ILDA Facebook page.

3. John Mason will move up to President and Gregory Werth will become President-Elect if the members approve at the Business meeting. If the members do not approve of this then Gregory Werth will stay on as President.

4. Nominations are needed for Secretary, Treasurer (David Brown can run for one more term but must be nominated from the floor) and Pastoral Advisor (Rev. Walworth can run for one more term).

5. Rev. Walworth has made a video indicating his desire to continue as advisor for one more year. He has to leave early to go to the Synod convention in Tampa, Florida so will not be at the Business meeting on Friday.

The meeting recessed for a break and reconvened again.

Indianapolis 2017 convention report will be made by Rev. Alan Rork at the Business meeting.

Mission Projects (Becky Jungklaus)

1. Becky reported she sent out letters requesting mission project donations with an April 15 deadline. One letter was returned because of a wrong address.

2. The Board agreed that those people that send in their mission project funding request will get paid according to the order their request was received.

Everyone except the Executive Council members were asked to leave the room so the Executive Council could meet privately to discuss the mission project requests.

After discussing the mission project requests, the rest of the Board were called back to the room.

Old Business - none

New Business

Rev. Tyler Walworth (John Mason) moved to accept the mission projects of \$27,000 in the order received. Passed.

1. Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry	\$ 1,000
2. LCMS Int'l Missions ELCG Ghana	\$ 2,000
3. Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas	\$ 10,000
4. David and Barbara Bush – LCMS (Macau)	\$ 2,000
5. Ryan McDermott – LCMS (Togo)	\$ 2,000
6. John Reinke World Lutheran Deaf Outreach	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 27,000

Gregory Werth asked John Mason to take the floor.

Gregory wanted to make sure for the next convention that the mission projects requestors make sure their requests are sent in by the April 15 deadline and that the proper request form be used and filled out. In addition it should be noted on the funding request form that their request may or may not be accepted subject to Executive Council decision.

Gregory Werth (Nancy Bergstresser) moved to close New Business.

John Mason gave the floor back to Gregory Werth.

Announcements

1. David Brown will be going to US Bank to take care of the address change and adding the President and President-Elect names to the banking accounts for back-up in case of any emergencies.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gehlbach, ILDA Secretary, 2017-2019