

# LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2013 – Retreat Center at Luther Point Bible Camp

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Rev. Mark Woeltge, President of the Board.  
*There were approximately 38 people in attendance from 25 different member churches.*

Rev. Mark Woeltge, President of the Board, opened the meeting with Dwelling in the Word, Joshua Chapter 1, and prayer.

The minutes of the October 20, 2012 Annual Meeting were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to approve them. Motion carried.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Rev. Mark Woeltge, President of the Board

- See written report
- Strategic Missional Planning
- Keep courageous and strong
- Working on Board development
- Will be working on setting benchmarks

## REPORT OF THE CAMP DIRECTOR – Rev. Craig Corbin, Executive Director

- See the written report.
- Visited with a grandma of a staff person for the past three summers. The grandma was very pleased with how Luther Point has made a difference in the young lady's life and in her maturing faith.
- The Mutual Ministry agreement that we had with Park was an interim thing and was good for both camps.
- This is a transition year. It has been a difficult year. We still don't know if we will be able to generate enough money to cover our expenses.
- I have been hand writing personal letters to people hoping that they will give over and above. A few people have given and they have been very generous.
- Please don't forget to designate your Thrivent dollars this year and also go back and remind your congregations.
- Also, consider Luther Point in your estate giving. Carol Anderson was a lovely little lady who always came to the Annual Meeting and faithfully gave small amounts. Then she left her entire estate to Luther Point. The estate isn't settled but it is wonderful that she is able to make a difference to the place she loved.
- It was a great summer.
- We are setting some great Missional goals.

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT – Jesse Weiss, Program Coordinator

- See the written report.
- Let all that you do, be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14 This is more than just a nice thought. It is an obligation. It is less about HOW we do things and more about WHY we do things.
- Everything we do here at camp goes to Forming Faith and Pointing to Christ.
- The summer staff were the most selfless, Christ-Centered, kid-enjoying staff that we've ever had!
- This year we added an environment component. Every week-long camper got to spend one night sleeping in the wall tents or under the stars over at outpost.
- Camp-Serve-Grow was new this year and gave the opportunity to Senior High kids to partner with Wild River's Habitat for Humanity and help build and remodel houses.
- Treehouse, an organization that works with at-risk kids in the Twin Cities, went on several Kayak trips with us this summer. It is wonderful to have that element here and have our counselors and campers be able to interact with them and to have them come here to this very – for them—unusual environment.
- Our specialty camps did well.
- I am profoundly humbled to be able to work with the staff and with the children you send.
- Point is a physical place but it is not just about the place. It is about people. People are what make the difference.
- What role will the camp play in the church in 20 years? This generation's usage of organizations is more loose. Camp is loose like that. It helps this generation see they can still connect to the church.
- How can we reach out to the unchurched? Camp is a great place to do that. Kids should be encouraged to bring their friends to camp. Camp is a great place to 'meet church' for the first time.
- This summer we will have all ages each week. We will also be holding a half-week before July 4<sup>th</sup> and a half-week after July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Please consider changing terminology from Junior High to Middle School.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT – Staff: Craig Corbin and Marcel Snow

- Went over the financial statements in the Annual Report.

#### MEMORIAL AND HONOR PROGRAM REPORT – Janet Brandt, Chair of the Memorial and Honor Program

- Eleven churches actively use the Memorial and Honor (M&H) program.
- In the 12 years prior to starting the M&H there were only 12 gifts given in honor of someone. In the last two years there have been 50 gifts given in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, or other celebration.
- Businesses also are participating.
- If you know of a business or if your church would like to participate, please contact Janet.

#### LPBC FOUNDATION REPORT: Rev. Ralph Thompson (See written report on Page F-2)

- One of the ideas we had was to move the labyrinth and include some stones that could be given in Memory or Honor of someone but we felt that might step on what the M&H is trying to do.
- The foundation is considering doing a disbursement now that we have enough money but we have had some questions as to how to go about that.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve all the Reports as given and as printed in the Annual Report. Motion carried.**

#### WRITTEN REPORTS:

- There are several other written reports included in the Annual Report. Delegates were encouraged to read and share with their congregations.

#### ELECTIONS:

**Honored Outgoing Board members:** Thank you very much to the following: Helen Clarke, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City, MN for serving six years on the Association Board; Jeannie Solum, Ezekiel Lutheran, River Falls, WI for serving three years; and Rev. Erin Nelson, St. John's, Spring Valley, WI for serving two years. Erin is retiring from the board because she is going to have a baby and be very busy. Congratulations. Also, thank you to Jean Rozeske, Grantsburg, WI for serving on the Foundation Board. **Thank you all for your years of service.**

#### Association Board Nominations:

- *Clergy nominations* (a second three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2016): Rev. Mark Woeltge, First Lutheran, Taylors Falls, MN. (a first three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2016): Rev. Dean Simpson, Cross Lutheran, Roberts, WI. (a one-year partial term ending Dec. 31, 2014): Rev. Carrie Anderson, Gethsemane Lutheran, Baldwin, WI. Nominations were asked for from the floor and none were offered.
- *Lay Person nominations* (First three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2016): Bob Wittenberg, English Lutheran, Ellsworth, WI.

#### Nominations opened to accept nominations from the floor for a three-year layperson term ending Dec. 31, 2016.

No one was nominated

#### Foundation Board Nominations:

- Nominated for a three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2016 is Pete Peterson, Dresser, WI

**A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion carried.**

#### Nominating Committee:

- A request was made for people to serve on the nominating committee for next year. The following people volunteered to serve on the nominating committee next year: Don Prose, North Valley, Centuria, WI; Helen Clarke, Our Redeemer, Pine City, MN; Rev Maggie Isaacson, Milltown & North Valley, WI; and Al Arndt, Fristad, Centuria, WI

**A motion was made and seconded that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion carried.**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- OMDT update: Phase II is happening. This means Craig is the only person seeking gifts at this time. He is working to fill in his pyramid of gifts. He will be in the asking phase for about two more years. Craig encouraged delegates to identify potential donors. The board gave approval to go ahead and build the Storm Shelter. On September 11 we had the ground breaking. We had a temporary setback because of poor soil. We hope to start pouring walls next week. By the middle of November we hope to have the roof on and have it enclosed by the end of November. Craig will continue to look for leadership gifts. The board will be looking at perhaps doing a staff alumni giving event. If there are still not enough gifts/pledges we may have to look at doing another congregational campaign.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Mark gave a report on the Missional Planning, Objectives and Goals that the Board and Executive Staff have been working on. See the Executive Summary that was passed out at the Annual Meeting.
- The process was started by identifying who we are and who we are not:
  - Our Core Values (who we are) are as follows: Faith, Relationships, Creation, Stewardship, Safety, Fun, and Transformation.
  - Luther Point is not....

- A secular camp or retreat center
- An alternative to a hotel or resort
- A wedding chapel
- A reception venue
- A conference center for vendors
- The Identity statement is:  
Luther Point Bible Camp is...  
An association of member congregations;  
offering year-round outdoor ministries and retreats;  
providing safe, fun, Christ-centered experiences;  
that lead to transformed and strengthened relationships;  
with God, one another and creation;  
which continue with guests long after they leave.
- The Mission statement should be static and the Vision more dynamic as we move into the future.
- The Vision Statement is: We envision Luther Point Bible Camp as a leader and partner in forming faith for people of all ages, facilitating unique and memorable encounters with the Living God, developing committed Christian leaders and creating better stewardship of God's creation.
- The tag line or slogan for the Vision continues to be: Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ
- The Mission Statement is:  
Confident in the Spirit's leading, we are called to:  
Share, enjoy and care for the gift of God's creation;  
Create a welcoming, inclusive and accepting place;  
Provide fun, safe Christ-centered relationship-building activities;  
Enable people of all ages to grow in faith, sharing more fully in God's life, love and work here and at home.
- The Core Objectives and Strategic Intent is how we implement the plan. The Board will start building up evaluative processes and will start building goals, timelines and benchmarks.

**Motion made by the board to adopt the Strategic Missional Plan as presented. Carried**

- Constitutional Change: See proposed Amendment changes. These amendments are proposed to help Luther Point be more inclusive and to better fit the newly adopted Strategic Missional Plan
- Asked the attendees if they would like a ballot or voice vote. Everyone wanted a voice vote.

**Motion made by the board to change the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as presented. Carried unanimously.**

- Approval of Proposed Budget for 2014: Day Camp went up \$50 a week. All other retreat and programming prices remained the same. It was brought out that this year it appears that we are projected to be about \$50,000 in the hole and we are planning on the 2014 budget remaining the same. How do we intend on making up the money when we will still be paying off this year's loss? Craig is thinking of doing a Bluegrass festival next summer/fall in the Hudson area to raise more money. Craig is also planning on being out on the road more this year. Craig also suggested that perhaps for lack of a better term we look more of a 'sales' approach. He also suggested that perhaps he and Jesse should be out on the road more looking for 'sales' this year. Craig also suggested that the board may need to look at the estate gifts as a way to make up the difference.

**Motion made by the board to approve the proposed budget for 2014. Carried with one abstention.**

- Other: Ask, seek, knock. Please go back to your congregations and seek prayers and speak to others about the ministry here at Luther Point.

**Meeting was closed at 12:30 pm with prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcel A. Snow  
Recording Secretary for the Board