



WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

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Minutes

Sixteenth Annual Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023, 10:30 AM
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel

Opening

President Mark Eckert opened the sixteenth annual WLS Alumni meeting at 10:32 a.m. with a reading from Ezekiel 33 and with prayer. President Earle Treptow greeted the alumni.

Awarding of Scholarships

President Mark Eckert welcomed Senior Duane Backhaus and Middler Justin Schroeder, this year's recipients of the WLS Alumni scholarships. Both expressed appreciation for the gifts received.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Classes

President Eckert welcomed the alumni by decade. The oldest alumnus present was from the class of 1960.

Minutes of September 19, 2022

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2022, annual meeting.

Elections (President, Treasurer, Committee Members)

A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the ballot as presented. The alumni cast written ballots. The results of the election were as follows:

- President: Mark Eckert (WLS 1984)—term ending 2025
- Treasurer: Rich Waldschmidt (WLS 1990)—term ending 2025
- Nominating Committee member: Jeremiah Gumm (WLS 2005)—term ending 2026
- Membership Committee member: Kenneth Brokmeier (WLS 1998)—term ending 2026

Financial Report

Treasurer Rich Waldschmidt presented the WLS Alumni treasurer's report. In the year ending June 30, 2023, WLS Alumni received \$5575 in gifts for the operating fund. We awarded two \$1000 scholarships and supported the Grow in Grace retreats with a \$300 gift. Net assets as of June 30, 2023, were \$4665, an increase of \$2025. There were \$835 in gifts to the endowment

fund; together with market changes, the endowment balance increased during the year ended June 30, 2023, by \$4353 to \$32,891. A motion was made, supported, and adopted to accept the treasurer's report.

President Eckert asked for input from the assembly on increasing the amount or number of scholarships for next year. The executive committee will consider options for making such a change.

Main Presentation (Professor Paul Waldschmidt, WLS 1999)

Professor Waldschmidt presented on the topic "Teaching Them to Teach," an overview of the work of the seminary's education department in preparing students to teach confirmation class, Bible class, and in other educational settings in the congregation.

Roll of Alumni Departed to Glory since Last We Met

Professor John Brenner read the roll of 21 WLS alumni who had departed to glory since the 2022 WLS Alumni annual meeting. Two corrections were the addition of the name Rev. Allen D. Capek, class of 1956, on 09/11/2023, and the correction of the first name of Rev. Roderick G. Luebchow, class of 1970. The alumni then sang hymn 880, "For All the Saints," stanzas 1-3, 7, and 8. Student Noah Melso was the organist for the day.

Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Adjournment

The date of the next annual meeting is anticipated to be Monday, September 16, 2024. A motion was made, supported, and carried to close the meeting. The sixteenth annual meeting of WLS Alumni adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with a prayer by the vice president and with the singing of the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Nathan Ericson, Secretary

Related Documents

- Minutes of the September 19, 2022, annual meeting;
- The Chronicler's Report of WLS alumni who departed to glory since the 2022 meeting;
- The WLS Alumni Treasurer's Report.