



Kansas District Board of Directors

September 16, 2025

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Ms. Jackie Schaefer, Communications Specialist
Mrs. Heather Williams, Business Manager
Excused: Scott Bokelman, Curt Engelbrecht

President Panzer called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

He first noted that Rev. Hageman had accepted a call to serve as theological educator for the LCMS Board of International Missions in Tanzania. The Board will have a vacancy for Region 4 Vice-President. There was a slate of four Region 4 pastors proposed, and the Board members have the authority to make additional nominations until 4:30 on September 19. The vote will take place at our next special meeting on September 21st.

The Board entered executive session to discuss the Retreat Center.
The Board exited executive session.

The board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Closing prayer was led by Rev. Michael Hageman.

Respectfully,
Rev. Joshua J. Woelmer, Secretary



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President Panzer called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

He introduced the slate for Region 4 Vice-President, filling the vacancy following Rev. Hageman's call to serve as Theological Educator in Tanzania. The slate was as follows:

- Rev. Phil Hoppe (Trinity, Colby)
- Rev. Stan Palmer (Our Redeemer, Kinsley and Zion, Offerle)
- Rev. Michael Schmidt (First, Plainville and Peace, Natoma)
- Rev. Jason Toombs (Grace, Liberal and Peace, Beaver, OK)

The Board of Directors held a vote. Rev. Phil Hoppe was elected as Vice-President, and he will serve as 4th Vice-President. Rev. Michael Schotte will now serve as 2nd Vice-President, and Rev. Andrew Wehling will serve as 3rd Vice-President.

Mrs. Williams presented the Convention Assessment numbers that we received from Synod for the Convention. She compared the numbers with the District Budget-to-Actual costs for the 2023 Milwaukee Convention.

It was moved and seconded to set the Convention Assessment at \$3.00 per communicant member. This could result in an anticipated net loss of ~\$12,000.

25C-01-03 – 2026 Synod Convention Assessment to Kansas District Congregations

Resolved, that the LCMS Kansas District Board of Directors set the total assessment for the 2026 Synod Convention for congregations at \$3.00 per communicant member, recognizing that this assessment rate will produce an estimated event deficit of \$12,000 to be absorbed with Excess Reserve Funds.

Action: Approved (12-2)

Mrs. Williams provided the Board an update on the Retreat Center. We are under contract for the agreed upon amount. The VA loan fell through, so the buyer has switched to a conventional loan. Furthermore, the buyer will cover all repairs, so we are not on the hook for possible repairs during the closing process. Rev. Panzer and Mrs. Williams will remove all the items that we noted we would remove in the document.

The board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Closing prayer was led by Rev. Michael Schotte. We also prayed for Cyprian Munro, a baby born to parents from Humboldt who is recovering in the NICU.

Respectfully,
Rev. Joshua J. Woelmer, Secretary