

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EASTERN DISTRICT, LCMS**

### **SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL - THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016**

Members present: Pastor Murray Brindle; Claire Carlson; Mark Erbelding; Maureen Grunder; Jacqui Green; Pastor Karl Haeussler; Terry Miller; Pastor John Pingel; Pastor Carl Prostka; Gordon Tresch; and Chris Wicher.

Members absent: Bradley Dreier; Melissa Fultz, Jacqui Green; and Pastor Daniel Strussenberg.

After a roll call was taken and a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:04 pm. A prayer was offered by President Wicher.

It was noted by the President that Deaconess Jacqueline Duke is no longer on the Board since she has moved to another District. He has been working toward appointing a replacement for her.

The President set forth the situation necessitating this special conference call. Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center is experience a serious cash shortfall. They need \$30,000 by Tuesday if they are going to make payroll. They have maxed out their line of credit. In the past when similar situations have arisen, the District has been able to give them the needed loan. Unfortunately, the District is not in a financial position to do this.

The following motion was made by Terry Miller: The Board authorizes the President to draw up to \$30,000 from the Eastern District line of credit to advance to Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center which will be considered an advancement of their 2017 District subsidy. The motion was seconded.

During the discussion many questions were raised as to how Pioneer found themselves in this emergency situation, especially in view of the special boards that were organized to help them through a similar crisis a couple of years ago. It was noted that their audit was finally completed just recently and it revealed how precarious their situation is financially. It was suggested that the Pioneer leadership, especial Director Knowles and Pioneer Board Chair Larry Thompson be at our next meeting in late September so we could discuss this situation in depth. The Chair suggested that the entire Pioneer Board meet with us. Both the Chair and the President made the assurance that something along these lines would be placed on the agenda.

The Chair called the question. The motion was approved unanimously.

Our next meeting is September 30 - October 1 at Peace Lutheran in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously at 8:42 pm.