

Floor Committee #6 Report

Floor Committee #6 – WELS Subsidiaries

Reference: RTTD - pp.56-57

Resolution No. 1

Subject: Synod Administration Building

WHEREAS 1) the Synod Administration Building is in need of major maintenance and improvement; and

WHEREAS 2) there is no developer interested in the property at this time; and

WHEREAS 3) our Synod's financial position makes it impractical to make large changes to any of the buildings; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) That we too are convinced that the synod should not make major investments in this property at this time; and be it finally

Resolved, b) That only necessary repairs be made to the Synod Administration Building until funds are available to rebuild or relocate.

Reference: RTTD - pp.57-58

Resolution No. 2

Subject: Encouraging use of Committee on Relief

WHEREAS 1) the WELS Committee on Relief continues to bring physical relief to victims of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS 2) the members of our Synod have been moved by the Holy Spirit to show love in this way; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) That we thank God for the outpouring of love from his faithful people; and be it further

Resolved, b) That we thank God for the willing service of this Committee; and be it finally

Resolved, c) That we encourage our members to contribute to the WELS Committee on Relief to financially help those who are in need.

Reference: RTTD – pp.58-59

Resolution No. 3

Subject: Audio/Visual Projects

WHEREAS 1) the WELS Publication Coordinating Commission does not have the resources to do its work; and

WHEREAS 2) the *Road to Emmaus* is a useful tool for outreach; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) That the commission seek funding for similar ventures; and be it finally

Resolved, b) That they develop more projects like this when funds are available.

Reference: RTTD – pp. 59-60

Resolution No. 4

Subject: Financial Accountability

WHEREAS 1) the Accounting Oversight Committee (AOC) has capably performed its function in assisting the Synodical Council in its financial aspects synod-wide; and

WHEREAS 2) recent cuts have strained its ability to operate at its current level; and

WHEREAS 3) it is important to maintain a level of trust between the members of the synod and those responsible for the synod finances; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) That we commend the AOC for its work; and be it finally

Resolved, b) That we give a high priority to restoring some of funding that has been cut.

Reference: RTTD – pp.62-64

Resolution No. 5

Subject: Technological Competency

WHEREAS 1) WELS Technology exists to support the work of synodical organizations and areas of ministry; and

WHEREAS 2) its budget has been significantly reduced; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we commend WELS Technology for the work it is doing in spite of limited resources.

Reference: RTTD – pp.95-96

Resolution No. 6

Subject: Encouraging the funding of CEF

WHEREAS the WELS CEF has done an excellent job of assisting mission congregations so they can acquire land and build or renovate worship/ministry facilities; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage individual WELS members and congregations to consider gifts, bequests, and investments in WELS CEF certificates.

Reference: RTTD – pp.96-97

Resolution No. 7

Subject: Gift Guide

WHEREAS WELS Foundation provides planned giving services and administrative support for gifts benefiting WELS congregations and ministries; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) that we encourage our members and congregations to make use of its services; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that we encourage our members to make use of the Gift Guide which allows our members to explore various planned gift opportunities from the comfort of their homes. This Gift Guide is found on its website (www.welsfoundation.net).

Reference: RTTD – pp. 100-101

Resolution No. 8

Subject: Encouraging the use of NPH products

WHEREAS Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) produces high quality gospel-oriented materials; therefore, be it

Resolved, that our members and congregations be encouraged to make use of NPH products whenever possible.

Reference: RTTD – pp.101-102

Resolution No. 9

Subject: VEBA Health Care

WHEREAS 1) the WELS Benefit Plans Office serves synodical workers and organizations through the administration of the WELS Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) and the WELS Pension Plan; and

WHEREAS 2) the VEBA Commission provided a one-time holiday for all active plan participants and COBRA participants in November 2009; and

WHEREAS 3) there is a projected rate increase of 8-10% for 2011 for WELS VEBA; therefore, be it

Resolved, a) That we thank God for the faithful work of these servants and the blessing of the one-time holiday; and be it further

Resolved, b) That we encourage them to keep all rate increases to a minimum; and be it finally

Resolved, c) That we encourage WELS VEBA to quickly inform its participants about the effects of the health care bills that have been passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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