**Northwestern College Alumni Society**

**137th Annual Meeting – May 20, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Luther Preparatory School – Watertown, WI**

**Minutes**

The 137th Annual Meeting of the Northwestern College Alumni Society was called to order by President Alan Siggelkow at 3:10 p.m.

Luther Preparatory School President Matt Crass welcomed the Society and spoke of how God’s gracious hand has been with our school at that campus over its long history.

Professor John Brenner, the Alumni Society Chronicler, read a distributed list of society members who entered eternity during the year 2014-2015. The assembly stood for a moment of silence in their memory. Seventeen NWC graduates and four NPS Graduates (Associate Alumni) entered eternal glory in the last year. It was reported that David Becker, a 1964 graduate was still alive and not reported to be in glory.

Edward Lindemann, chairman of the elections committee, distributed the annual election ballot. A slate of candidates was presented and accepted for the offices of First Vice President, Secretary, and Chronicler.

Roll call was taken by President Siggelkow by way of classes. There were 144 in attendance. President Siggelkow recognized Professor Armin Schuetze, class of 1937 as the oldest graduate in attendance. There is one other graduate who is older than Professor Schuetze.

Election results were announced: Harlyn Kuschel – First Vice President; Martin Schulz – Secretary; and John Brenner - Chronicler. These were elected for a two year term.

Minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting, which had been previously mailed to society members, were approved.

A printed copy of the Treasurer’s report was read by Treasurer Tim Spaude and approved as read pending the audit. The audit of the financial records of the Society will be done by the firm that will audit the books of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this summer. The Treasurer’s report noted that the Operating Fund had a balance of $6,120 as of March 31, 2015. The Presidents Fund had a balance of $202,522.00 as of March 31, 2015. Tim Spaude warned the Society that the Operating Fund was getting low. He presented some suggestions for lowering expenses. A full copy of the report is on file.

Professor Ross Stelljes of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, presented the MLC Studies in Pastoral Ministry faculty’s candidates for the 2015 Presidents Fund Grant. This year’s nominees are:

President E.E. Kowalke grant – Biblical Languages Alexander Kirchenwitz

President August Ernst grant – Confessional Languages – German Orie Thomford

President August Ernst grant – Confession Languages – German & Latin Jacob Seelman

President Lewis Thompson grant – Worship & Music John Miller

President Adam Martin grant – Living Languages Caleb Solofra

President Carlton Toppe grant – In GPA & Religion Matthew Hartzung

President Robert Voss grant – Student Government Zachary VonDeylen

President Robert Voss grant – Student Life Micah Koelpin

President John Braun grant – Leadership Paul Bourman

President John Braun grant – English Jacob Limpert

MLC SPaM Students were chosen to receive these awards by an MLC SPaM Faculty Committee chaired by Professor John Schmidt. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the MLC faculty’s nominations and to award the 2015 Presidents’ Fund Scholarships. Each of the ten students will receive a $1,000.00 grant.

Aaron Christie gave a report about the LPS Chapel Renovation Project.

The Praesidium of the Alumni Society requested the following actions of the Society:

Fund the 150th Anniversary Projects on the LPS Campus in the following order:

1. Baptismal Font - $10,000 – Funds released this summer
2. NWC/NPS Historical Display Case – about $2,000
3. Sign commemorating the gift to the LPS Campus of the Bell Tower – about $4,000
4. Funding from the Operating Fund and from a 150th Anniversary Fund Appeal

The motion was seconded and carried. This was approved by the body.

The assembled Alumni approved the request of the Praesidium to offer a two CD set of NWC and NPS pictures in the WELS Archives for sale for the price of $12.00 per set.

Alan Gumm reported that artifacts for the NWC Tontine to be added to the collection are always welcome. He reported that the etched Tontine NWC glasses are $25.00 and all of the proceeds from the sale of the glasses will be given to the Alumni Society.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mary Siggelkow who is serving as our office secretary and is keeping records of both NWC and NPS graduates and of all gifts and dues payments.; to all the committee chairmen and all who served on the committees; to the business office of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary: Brian Treichel, Business Manager, and especially Carol Puglise and Lori Guse, and Diane Heisler, WLS Faculty Secretary; to the administration, faculty, and staff of LPS, especially Sue Boulden and Fran Brickner. Alan Gumm was thanked for his service as Alumni Secretary.

President Siggelkow gave the assembly the pertinent information about the Call Day and Graduation activities at the Seminary. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Fellowship time and meal followed in the LPS auditorium. The clapper to the NWC bell made an appearance at the meal.

After dinner speakers for the evening included:

Former NWC President John Braun

Martin Luther College Dean of Pre-Seminary Ministry – Dan Balge

John C. Lawrenz – Class of 1965 – 50th Anniversary Class

Respectfully submitted to the glory of God,

Rev. Alan W. Gumm, Class of 1972 & 1976