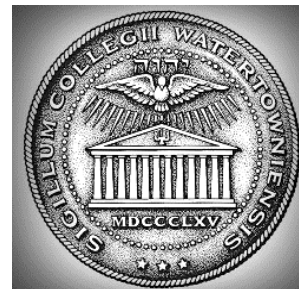


Minutes from (Tues.) May 23, 2023
 Northwestern College Alumni Society
 Annual Meeting
 held at
 Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.



NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNI SOCIETY AGENDA

143rd ANNUAL MEETING MAY 23, 2023 4:00 PM
Luther Preparatory School

*This is the first time the business meeting was held in the “Roundtable Room” adjoining the Cafeteria.
 The Buffet Banquet was then held in the Cafeteria itself.*

Call to Order – Alan Siggelkow, President^(NWC'65)

The **143rd “annual meeting”** of the Northwestern College Alumni Society was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by the society’s chairman, **Rev. Prof. Alan Siggelkow**. *Total attendance registered was 101*, counting non-members; the **64** members present could participate in voting procedures.

Welcome by Luther Preparatory School Dean of Students Charles Vannieuwenhoven ^(NWC'94)

Dean Vannieuwenhoven of LPS welcomed the alumni society members to the LPS campus—the former NWC campus. He spoke of generally 58% of LPS students going on to MLC and that, of the 91 grads this year, 13 were heading there this Fall for the “pastor track” while 27 were going there for the “teacher track.”

He also spoke briefly of the building plans to construct a new Music Auditorium on the campus with the current auditorium (the Old Gym) reverting back to a gym for intramurals and other uses as needed.

Membership/Chronicler’s Report by Rev. Prof. John Brenner

Prof Brenner presented the Chronicler’s report for May 2022- May 2023 (attached to these minutes).

- In the past year, twenty two (22) alumni have passed into eternal life as well as one (1) associate alumnus—a Northwestern Prep graduate.
- After announcing our deceased alumni of the past year, a moment of prayerful silence was observed.
- Once again, thanks was extended to **Rev. David Plocher** for his continuing work in producing updated inserts for the *Northwestern College Alumni Society* booklet. This booklet contains the names of all alumni from 1872-1995, noting those who have gone on to heavenly glory. Every alumnus at the meeting was welcomed to take a free booklet if they didn’t have one. Further copies of the booklet are available for \$5.00 each.

Elections by ballot – The Nominating Committee consisted of **Paul Prange** (chair), **Mark Schewe**, and **Wayne Shevey**.

Offices up for nominees were President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer. *Normally, according to the Bylaws a 1st Vice Presidential election would not be held on an odd-numbered year, but since Pres. Al Siggelkow was stepping down from his 3 ½ decades of presidency, and since the current 1st Vice President was a candidate for the Presidency, this forced an election in the same year for the President, 1st V.P. and 2nd V.P. Next May (2024), the office of 1st V.P. will have to have another election in order to fulfill the plan of elections stated in the Bylaws that even-numbered years will have elections of the 1st V.P., Secretary, and Chronicler.*

- A sample ballot is included in this report. All offices had 3 nominees. We appreciated the willingness of those men to serve if elected. Here is a synopsis:

Candidates voted on (= Incumbent; Winner of votes is in **bold print**)*

President	Joe Fricke ^(NWC'89)	Peter Snyder ^(NWC'90)	* Joel Otto ^(NWC'91) (<i>last year’s 1st V.P.</i>)
1 st Vice-President	Paul Prange ^(NWC'84)	Wayne Shevey ^(NWC'95)	Mark Schewe ^(NWC'88)
2 nd Vice-President	Matthew Kuske ^(NWC'95)	Donn Dobberstein ^(NWC'91)	* Paul Meier ^(NWC'95)
Treasurer	Jonathan Micheel ^(NWC'94)	Steven Pagels ^(NWC'94)	* Timothy Spaude ^(NWC'89)

Secretary (elected office in even-numbered years)
Chronicler (elected office in even-numbered years)

*Richard Lehmann^(NWC'72)
*John Brenner^(NWC'73)

Roll Call -- Done by progression of years with the chairman calling out the youngest graduating dates to the oldest-- Alumni stand and give their name and exact graduation year.

- A **total of 76** alumni were present, some bringing their spouse. A wonderful turnout of alumni & some spouses came especially with the *Class of 1973*, which had **19 alumni and 16 spouses** in attendance.
- The oldest alumnus in attendance was **Pastor Herbert Lichtenberg**, NWC class of **1952**.

Minutes of the last year's 142nd Annual Meeting (May 25, 2022), recorded by secretary Richard Lehmann, were approved.

(right: Herbert Lichtenberg)



Treasurer's Report - Timothy Spaude, Treasurer.

- The **audit** of our books will be done by the firm which will be auditing the books of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this summer. The Business Manager's Office of WLS serves as our accountant firm.
- The Treasurer's report for 2022-2023 was accepted pending audit. (copy attached)

Highlights include: **Operating Fund** Balance (as of the end of March 2022): \$8,752
Operating Fund *expenses*: -\$6,964 + *gains*: \$3,461 balance \$ 12,213.00 as of March
Student Scholarship monies to 12 MLC pastor-track students \$1500 each \$18,000.00
Presidents' Fund Balance (as of the end of March 2022) \$ 296,432.00
As of the end of March 2023: \$ 273,613.00

*The goal for the Presidents' Fund is to increase the balance in order to use just the interest.
Please help our Alumni Society to succeed in such a goal!*

Presentation of the 2023 Presidents' Fund Awards – by **Rev. Joel Thomford**, Martin Luther College Admissions Counselor MLC Pre-Seminary Ministry Students are chosen to receive these awards by an MLC "Pre-Sem Ministry Faculty Committee" chaired by Prof. Nicholas Schmoller. The NWC Alumni Society has ratified the list of 12 scholarships given to the specific students. A motion was made and passed to thank Prof. Schmoller and his committee for their work in this project. *Picture photos* of the following recipients were handed out at the meeting. (attached)

NWC Alumni Society President Fund Grant Awards – May 2023; each scholarship is for \$1500

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>NWC PRESIDENT and AREA OF AWARDS 2023</u>
Arndt, Caleb	Pres. August F. Ernst Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Confessional Languages, Latin</i>
Cloute, Ethan	Pres. E.E. Kowalke Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Biblical Languages, Greek</i>
Cook, Noah	Pres. Lewis O. Thompson Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Worship and Music</i>
Eubank, Owen	Pres. August F. Ernst Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Confessional Languages, Latin, German</i>
Koelpin, Josiah	Pres. Robert J. Voss Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Student Government</i>
Kopp, Liam	Pres. John A. Braun Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>English</i>
Oestreich, Carson	Pres. John A. Braun Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Leadership</i>
Pausma, Nathan	Pres. Robert J. Voss Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Student Life</i>
Reim, Aric	Pres. Carleton Toppe Grant for Excellence in GPA and the Area of <i>Religion</i>
Santos, Isaias	Pres. Adam Martin Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Living Languages, Spanish</i>
Sauer, Joel	Pres. E.E. Kowalke Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Biblical Languages, Hebrew</i>
Sulzle, Camden	Pres. August F. Ernst Grant for Excellence in the Area of <i>Confessional Languages, German</i>

Ratification requested for the following actions of the Praesidium:

- Approval of the Praesidium's revisions/updates to the
 - NWC Alumni Society's Constitution and Bylaws
 - The Presidents Fund Guidelines
 - The Dissolution Documents of the Society
- Copies of the proposed revisions had been sent out in February for membership perusal

- Secretary Richard Lehmann drew up the proposed revisions and presented highlights within the documents at the meeting. The assembly of voters who were present ratified the updates and revisions unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- * Election results for the NWC Alumni Society Praesidium were all announced.
- * You certainly may donate gifts to the following two Alumni Society projects:
 - A new and better **NWC/NPS Historical Display Case** in the planning – about \$2,000
 - A **Sign** commemorating the NWC Alumni Society gift to the LPS campus of the **Bell Tower** – will cost about \$4,000
- ***Tontine Committee Report** -
 - The Committee invites and requests Alumni members to bring items to be placed in Tontine
 - The Committee is also in the process of ordering *etched NWC Alumni Society Glasses* to be sold to members who would appreciate such decorative drinkware.
- ***Reminder to Alumni**: Make sure to take your free copy of the **Directory of NWC Graduates** at this meeting. Further copies are available for \$5.00 each.

Thankful appreciation:

- It was moved and passed to thank the following folks for their help to our meeting and endeavors:
 - to **Mary Siggelkow** who has served as our “office secretary” and keeps records of both NWC and NPS grads and of all your gifts and “dues” payments.
 - to the **business office** of *Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary*, **Brian Treichel**, Business Manager, and especially **Lori Guse and Carol Puglisi**.
 - to the administration, faculty, and staff of Luther Preparatory School, especially **Sue Boulden** and **Chef Lucas Denham** and his staff for the Alumni banquet.

Closing Announcements/comments

- A moment of thanks and praise to God for the service done for our society over the years by Rev. John Gawrisch^(NWC’74) who was taken to his heavenly home this past winter.
- Buffet Banquet meal will begin at 5:00
- Announcements were made of the Buffet Banquet to immediately follow the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Vice President, now newly elected President Joel Otto, took time to thank both Rev. Prof. Al Siggelkow and Mary for their 3 ½ decades (1987-2023) of service in which Al presided over the events and efforts of our Society to be meaningful and purposeful in encouraging young men to become well-trained pastors and to encourage young people to consider the teaching or preaching ministry. Mary freely did his secretarial work for the society. A card and gift of money was given to the Siggelkow’s, as well as an applause of thanks. In turn, Chairman Siggelkow provided us all with an emotional and encouraging farewell in his service and his hopes and prayers for the Lord to use our Society’s members in furthering the education of Kingdom workers.

Adjournment We all heartily joined in singing “The Alma Mater” & “The Fight Song”

The ALMA MATER

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater - loud thy praises ring.
 Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater - joyfully we sing.
 To thy honor, to thy glory, we **will** e’er be true.
 We will sing thy name forever. Our salute to you.

We the **Black & Red** will cherish, and the **Black & Gold**;
 May their glories never perish as the years unfold.
 To thy honor, to thy glory, we will e’er be true.
 We will sing thy name forever. Our salute to you.



Cheer for Old Northwestern -ever strong and true!
 Hail, to thee, Northwestern, we will cheer for you: Rah! Rah! Rah!
 Onward old Northwestern, tear right down that field.
 Not until we gain the vict’ry will we yield!



THE CHRONICLER'S REPORT TO THE NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNI SOCIETY

May 23, 2023

Since our last meeting word has reached us of the death of the following alumni:

COLLEGE ALUMNI

Class of

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1941 Rev. Walter A. Schumann	9/21/22	1966 Prof. Roland C. Ehlke	5/28/22
1954 Rev. Leonard W. Pankow	6/9/22	1968 Rev. James D. Liggett	6/7/22
1955 Rev. Prof. David P. Kuske	10/29/22	1969 Dean H. Fleming	7/26/22
1956 Rev. Richard E. Lauersdorf	1/22/23	1969 James O. Haag	9/12/22
1957 Rev. Melvin A. Schwark	11/26/22	1969 Rev. Kenneth L. Wenzel	10/15/22
1958 Rev. Paul L. Siegler	8/19/22	1971 Rev. Douglas C. Hartley	7/20/22
1961 Rev. James E. Humann	7/16/22	1974 Rev. John W. Gawrisch	2/18/23
1962 Rev Thomas C. Spiegelberg	10/7/22	1976 Rev. James H. Krause	10/18/22
1962 Gary (Gerold) Schultz	6/7/22	1978 Rev. Charles H. Heup	7/22/22
1965 Frederick Grunewald	9/27/22	1987 Rev. Michael J. Zuberbier	12/3/22
1965 Robert H. Ness	11/28/22	1989 Kurt W. Koeplin	6/2/22

ASSOCIATE ALUMNI (NPS Graduates)

1960 Marcus L. Diersen 3/2/22

*Respectfully submitted, John Brenner
(NWC Alumni Society Chronicler)*

NWC ALUMNI SOCIETY - Treasurer's Report

May 23, 2023

OPERATING FUND

The Operating Fund balance is positive. For the 8th year in a row our regular income was more than our regular expenses. We are accomplishing this by making one of our two mailings electronic only. Expenses do not reflect the \$2500 which the Spring mailing cost due to the timing of the invoice. Expect to have a double expense (\$5,000) for mailing in next year's report. We will again look to reduce costs through volunteer help in the coming year.

Operating Fund Balance of 3/31/2022 **\$8,752**

Operating Fund Income

Gifts and Memorials +\$10,205
DVD sales + \$220

+\$10,425

Operating Fund Expenses

Wages, Mailing, Meetings, - \$5,235
Grant to Sem for Accounting help - \$1,500
Miscellaneous - \$229
-\$6,964

+3,461

Operating Fund Balance as of 3/31/2023 **\$12,213**

PRESIDENTS FUND

The Presidents Fund is invested with WELS Investments. Stock Market results were negative at the end of our accounting period. They have since dropped sharply. We have increased the number and size of scholarships. We would like to increase the size again. The Fund balance will need to be monitored for sustainability. More blessing from God and more gifts would mean we can increase the size of scholarships so please urge your classmates to remember the Society in some small way in their wills and with gifts and memorials.

Presidents' Fund Balance as of 3/31/2023 **\$296,432**

Presidents Fund Income

Gifts and Memorials + \$11,533
Dividends + \$5,203
Investment Gain/Loss - \$21,556
+ \$4,819

Presidents Fund Expenses

Student Scholarships -\$18,000.00

\$22,819.00

Presidents Fund Balance as of 3/31/2023 **\$273,613.00**

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy J. Spaude, NWC Alumni Society Treasurer

HISTORICAL YEAR TO YEAR COMPARISONS

	PRESIDENTS FUND BALANCE	OPERATING FUND BALANCE
2023	\$273,613	\$12,213
2022	\$296,432	\$8,752
2021	\$287,691	\$6,617

2020	\$200,543	\$3,828
2019	\$222,151	\$7,321
2018	\$219,219	\$6,481
2017	\$203,512	\$50
2016	\$190,487	(\$3,429)
2015	\$201,522	\$6,120
2014	\$202,170	\$1,512
2013	\$184,415	\$5,897
	OPERATING FUND INCOME	OPERATING FUND EXPENSES
2023	\$10,425	\$6,964
2022	\$10,564	\$8,429
2021	\$8,385	\$5,596
2020	\$9,560	\$13,053
2019	\$14,948	\$14,108
2018	\$13,330	\$6,899
2017	\$12,306	\$8,827
2016	\$9,794	\$9,343
2015	\$14,485	\$14,877
2014	\$13,042	\$14,649
2013	\$13,304	\$11,909

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Alumni Banquet \$20.00

Steak Tips and Gravy Grilled Chicken Breasts
Garlic-Roasted baby Potatoes Green Beans
Dinner Rolls & butter House Salad Assorted Pies Coffee, water and Tea

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Post Banquet Class Speakers 5:30 to 6:30 ---

Rev. **Richard Gurgel** ^(NWC, 1981), president of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN

Anniversary Classes

70th Anniversary (1953) **John Ruede** (unable to be present)

60th Anniversary (1963) **John Graf**

50th Anniversary (1973) **John Brenner**

40th Anniversary (1983) **Jonathan Balge**

“Reminiscences” --- the past 36 years as President of the NWC Alumni Society -- **Al Siggelkow**

Thank you, Al & Mary

--These minutes, reports, and photos of the 143rd NWC Alumni Society Mtg., held May 23, 2023, on the former campus of NWC, were gathered and assembled by NWC Alumni Society Secretary, **Pastor em. Richard Lehmann** ^(NWPS 1968; NWC 1972)



50th Anniversary **CLASS OF 1973** (17 of the 51 graduates in that class.)

Back Row L-R Herb Huhnerkoch, Bob Krueger, Dan Nitz, John Brenner, Tom Wilsman, Norris Baumann, Beck Goldbeck, Roger Kuerth, Marcus Bode.

Front Row L-R Joel Jaeger, Phil Krieger, Randy Rathje, Steve Ehlke, Don Swartz, Bob Gerhke, Jim Rath, TomKutz



Right: Joel Jaeger displays the page from the **Watertown Daily Times** with the NWC graduating class of 50 years ago. *Below,* a number of 50th anniversary members (some with wives) sitting together.



Below: Beck Goldbeck & Bob Gehrke talking with Steve Ehlke.





Above: Our brand new 1st Vice President of the Alumni Society, Pastor Mark Schewe – dressed for the occasion! He takes the place of Joel Otto who transitioned (by ballot) from 1st V.P. to President.



Above: Our re-elected 2nd Vice President of the Alumni Society, Pastor Paul Meier.

We enjoyed an encouraging message from Pres. Rich Gurgel in supporting Christian education in our churches and schools. Also President Siggelkow's final speech of encouragement to support our worker training endeavors can be seen on the previous page. Other photos on this page show 60th Anniversary speaker John Graf (top photo left), 50th Anniversary speaker John Brenner (above), and 40th Anniversary speaker Jonathan Balge (right bottom). Their reminiscing brought back memories as well as provided some good humor.





NORTHWESTERN PREP CLASS OF 1971

HELD a 52nd Year REUNION THIS PAST YEAR IN WATERTOWN.

Almost 50% of the graduating class, 19 out of 40, were able to attend the gathering.

Front row: Bill Petri, Dan Dockter, *Ed Lehmann, *Tom Lindloff, +Dawn (Schmidt) Sauer, Rosemary (Zoellick) Degner, Carol (Mateske) Dolan, *John Wille, Dan Finke, *Greg Bey

Back row: Sandra (Wilkes) Johnson, Steve Schwartz, *Dave Kehl, John Walther, *Bob Meiselwitz (behind Dawn), Steve Kellert, +Terry Paul, +Gary Grant (behind Carol), Curt Detro

*Those in the photo who went on to become pastors.

+Those in the photo who went on to become Christian Day School teachers

Deceased of the class are * *Phil Mischke, Dan Hanke* ^{lay minister}, and most recently, **Terry Paul*