

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach Board of Directors  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., Iowa City, IA

Minutes  
April 29, 2014

Members present: Lynn Thiede, Warren Boe, Jan Pohl, Val Lembke, Phil Borleske, Ray Runkel, Norm Doeden, Cindy Breed, Victoria Shepard, Deanne Bennett

1. The meeting was called to order by Lynn Thiede
2. Devotions by Warren Boe
3. Minutes of the February 25, 2014, meeting were presented. Approval was moved (Phil) and seconded (Warren) and passed.
4. Treasurer's Report was given by Warren. Statements of income and expense as of March 31 and April 30, 2014 were distributed and discussed. Warren noted total income in 2014 was \$8,083 below 2013 and expenses were \$1,825 more than 2013, placing us \$9,908 behind 2013 at this point. Giving by individuals was somewhat below 2013. Giving by churches was significantly below 2013. Warren indicated this downturn is worrisome.

A number of possible factors affecting gifts were discussed by the board. With actions under "accountable care" fewer people may be coming to Iowa City for care or their time in Iowa City may be so short that they may have no interaction or very limited interaction with Cindy and thus are less likely to contribute. The UIHC has added chaplains and patients may be less likely to be concerned about having a chaplain from their denomination.

A brief discussion on the need to find other ways for people to contribute to Chaplaincy Outreach beyond monetary gifts also occurred.

5. Cindy suggested that it would be good for board members to respond if she or other board members send out an e mail with a "reply to all" to be sure the information has reached everyone. There is a C.R. Conference meeting on Thursday night – Phil will attend and can represent our organization. She also encouraged board members to more actively use facebook. Cindy has one preaching "gig" at Elam in Marshalltown upcoming.
6. Representation at synod assemblies was discussed. Because of the cost and amount of time associated with attending the Western Iowa Synod meeting in Sioux City it was decided we would not send anyone to the meeting this year. Warren will attend the Northeast Iowa assembly. Several board members will be attending the Southeastern Iowa assembly in Coralville. Val agreed to do setup at the meeting and help with the display. Deanne is planning to attend the Northern Illinois assembly.

7. Representation at the Women of WELCA Conference at Wartburg College at Wartburg was discussed. Lynn will check.
8. Cindy indicated the need for more prayer shawls. Having one or more groups prepare shawls would be a way to have others involved in the ministry beyond simply asking for more monetary contributions.
9. Jan indicated the newsletter is in printing.
10. Ray does not have the names of any new candidates for chaplaincy scholarships. Will keep checking
11. The status of a plaque thanking Gloria Dei was discussed. Norm agreed to check with the supplier and get input from the committee on the final wording and get it ordered.
12. Jan reported that Bill Dyar has not yet returned to the Midwest. The board discussed the effectiveness of the work he has completed and how his skills might best be employed. In light of the recent reduction in contributions received concern was expressed on the desirability of continuing his contract unless more concrete goals could be established. It was moved by Norm and seconded by Phil that we remove the contract offer to Bill. The motion passed with Jan abstaining.
13. Jan announced a meeting of the Resource and Development committee at Gloria Dei on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. Members should plan on a rather lengthy meeting. It would be helpful for those attending to bring specific suggestions for revision of our existing brochures.
14. Lynn had provided the committee with suggested items for discussion on the future of LCO at this meeting. Due to time limitations that discussion will be delayed until the next committee meeting. The first half of the meeting will be devoted to those issues.
15. The next committee meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2014, at Gloria Dei. Lynn will provide an opening devotion and Victoria will provide snacks.
16. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Val Lembke, Secretary