

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

Minutes
February 25, 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 with the agenda revised to include several new items
2. Devotions by Deanne Bennett
3. Minutes of the December 10, 2013, meeting were approved. Approval was moved (Deanne) and seconded (Warren) and passed.
4. Treasurer's Report was given by Warren. Warren noted contributions in 2013 were slightly below 2012. Last newsletter was in early January 2014, but results were slightly below January 2013. Warren provided an analysis of givers and amounts given. Approval of Financial reports was moved (Phil) and seconded (Jan) and passed.
5. Cindy shared stories of interaction with two patients. Things in department are going well; there are now 12 chaplains at Univ. Hospitals; not all are full time.

There will be a clinical chaplain education program in the summer. A peer review was done and Cindy felt it was very affirming of her work as a Lutheran Chaplain and valued member of the department. She suggested that she and the board share her expectations of the board and the board's expectations of her.

Cindy indicated she had spine surgery in March and has been back at work full time for two weeks. She will also need shoulder surgery in March and expects to be gone for three weeks before returning to work.

6. Jan raised the issue of whether the Board needs to provide help while Cindy is unable to see patients. The chaplains at the hospital do work as a team and attempt to cover for one another. One possibility is to attempt to develop a group of volunteers who could make visits in Cindy's absence so that a Lutheran chaplain would be available. Care would need to be taken if others cover for her to be sure any hospital requirements for training are met if they should apply.
7. Jan reported on resource development activities. She has been in contact with an individual at Grandview College and expressed a need for an editor for our newsletters and a web master. There apparently would be some interest in having students at Grandview gain

experience through unpaid internships. Jan will follow up to see if they might be able to provide assistance to the board.

Bill Dyar has not yet returned and started working on our behalf. One possibility for his work might be to rebuild relationships wiith those who have given in the past such as Church of Hope

8. Ray reported that no action has been taken on the awards to candidates. Seminaries at the moment do not have candidates who qualify for awards. We have approximately \$17,000 remaining to distribute.
9. Participation at the synod assemblies was discussed. Lynn will craft a report and forward it to the four synods to be included in their annual reports. Board members agreed to attend the assemblies as follows:

Northeastern Iowa	June 13, 14, and 15	Warren (may have a conflict)
Southeastern Iowa	May 30, 31, and June 1	Several board members attending
Western Iowa	May 2, 3, and 4	Val
Northern Illinois	June 13 and 14	Deanne

10. Board members contributed toward flowers for the funeral of Karl Divine-Koch and for a gift to the Scamman family following the death of their daughter.
11. Responsibility for articles for the April newsletter was assigned. Articles are due by March 12th. The theme is the resurrection.
12. It was agreed a plaque should be presented to Gloria Dei to thank them for use of their facilities for meetings, storage of materials, receipt of mailing, etc., Val will check on who could prepare a plaque and Warren agreed to present the plaque to Gloria Dei.
13. Prior to adjournment, several questions relating to future activities were discussed:
 - Do we need a backup Chaplain when Cindy is not present?
 - Is the possibility of having one or more “visiting pastor” who would be willing to contribute a day or more when Cindy is not available a desirable route?
 - Would individual need training or could it just be a pastor visiting congregation Members?
 - Cindy indicated other individuals should be able to have access to “Lutheran List” of Patients
 - Cindy and Victoria will do some additional checking into possibilities.
14. Chad Whaley, Pastor at Bethany, West Branch was suggested as a possible Board or committee member.

15. The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. April 29, 2014, at Gloria Dei. Warren will provide the devotion and Deanne will provide snacks
16. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.