



Manitoowoc Lutheran High School Federation Meeting

MLHS Federation Minutes

Prepared By: Ps. Thad Flitter

Date of Meeting: August 10, 2024

MLHS FEDERATION MINUTES

Chairman Mike Behnke called the meeting to order at 8:59 am.

I. Opening Devotion

Pastor Hacker shared a devotion on Mark 6. As we carry out gospel ministry, don't just hear his Word but listen carefully. As Jesus kills my pride, he conforms our work to look like his—which is a good thing. And then ministry is not a burden but a joy!

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda.

II. [Campaign Update](#) - Jerry Haupt

Mr. Haupt shared highlights from his report. He also explained that as the project comes to a close, there will be negotiations between *Catalyst*, the architect and MLHS regarding various change orders and the costs that had to take place during the construction. Mr. Haupt informed those present that this is normal during a construction project's process.

- I. Minutes (cf. previously submitted minutes)
 - A. [May 11, 2024](#)- Quarterly Federation Meeting Minutes

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the May meeting.

- III. Reports -- Questions, Highlights, Discussion (cf. previously submitted reports)
 - A. [President](#) – Ps. Jason Hacker

Ps. Hacker gave highlights from his report. He shared the blessing that we have a full faculty and staff beginning this school year. He continues to familiarize himself with the ministry at MLHS and emphasized the areas of his focus as the school year gets under way. Ps. Hacker added that following his attendance at the *Telling the Next Generation* workshop, he will be working to produce a Harvest Strategy to better serve non-WELS member students and WELS students as well.

- IV.
 - A. [Education](#) - Rick Zimmerman

The Education Chair did not have a report to share.

- B. [Building and Grounds](#) – Mark Mueller

Mr. Mueller shared the committee's report.

- C. [Admissions](#) – Tim Lukasek



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Mr. Lukasek gave some highlights from the printed report.

- D. [Student/Staff Services](#) - Pastor Steven Wall

Ps. Wall shared highlights from the committee's report.

- E. [Mission Advancement](#) - Matthew Menges

Mr. Menges shared the committee's report. Within his highlights he informed the Federation that the Board recently passed a WELS-VEBA sharing program/plan with the congregations that is beneficial for the Called Workers, Congregations, and MLHS.

- F. [Finances](#) - Greg Kolar
 - 1. [Profit and Loss](#)
 - 2. [Balance Sheet](#)

Mr. Kolar shared the committee's report and introduced the new Director of Finance, Mrs. Abigail Flitter.

- G. [Chairman](#) – Mike Behnke

Chairman Behnke shared the highlights from his report. He emphasized the excitement of everything and blessings for the next school year. He too expressed the joy and blessing it is to enter this school year with a full faculty and staff. With all the excitement for the new school year, he reminded and encouraged the Federation that the focus remains on our students!

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve all the reports.

- V. Updates from Previous Meetings
 - A. Support Staff Position Update

No new updates were shared.

- VI. Action Items
 - A. Approval of house purchase cap (\$325,000)

There was discussion wanting to be sure this amount is currently Administration approved. The Federation was assured that it is.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve this purchase.

- B. Transportation Report

Mr. Lukasek shared a verbal report. A new van has been purchased and a third route has been added. The committee will be meeting to discuss how to assist our volunteer drivers to make their time easier, especially during the winter months.



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Chairman Behnke added an encouragement to continue to be on the lookout for more volunteer drivers.

VII. Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Ps. Hacker at 9:55 am.

VIII. Tour of Building Addition

IX. Upcoming Dates:

A. First Day of School – August 22, 2024

1. Opening Service 10:00am – 11:00am (Installation of New Faculty – Pastor Flitter)
2. Dedication December 15, 2024 – Tentatively (planning)

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 9, 2024

Closing Prayer

By 2026, Manitoowoc Lutheran High School will continue to use the gifts God gives his people to serve as a light in the Manitoowoc area, to model the ministry of an area Lutheran high school and be a trusted program that reaches out to prospective families at home and abroad.