



**Manitoowoc Lutheran High School
Federation Meeting**

MLHS CHAIRMAN REPORT

Reporting: Mr. Mike Behnke

Date of Meeting: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Dear Friends,

We have several updates this month. First, we have placed a call to Mr. Samuel Kleinke, who is serving at Great Plains Lutheran High School. Mr. Kleinke was called to serve in the science department at MLHS. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates. This call was placed to fill the vacancy that will be left by Mr. Wayne Foelske's retirement at the end of this school year.

Mr. Foelske has graciously served Manitoowoc Lutheran High School for the last 26 years. We have truly been blessed with his ministry at MLHS. He has been an essential part of our students' spiritual and educational development. Mr. Foelske has dutifully served for over 42 years. We thank him for his years of service and wish him God's richest blessings on his future endeavors.

New Gym Update:

Scott Loberger has been working diligently on rescheduling activities and adjusting events due to the delays occurring with the gym. Inspection for Partial Occupancy is scheduled for Wednesday November 13. With approval for partial occupancy, our basketball teams can start using the new gym for practices with the goal of having all athletes done by 6pm. Also, a huge thank you to Michelle Luebke and all those that have lifted a hand in helping clean our new facility. Our cleaners and money-savers have helped us save approximately \$10,000 dollars. Please note that the dedication of the new facility will be January 12, 2025.

Choice Exit Strategy:

As you are all aware after much research, we have found that the fund for exiting choice was not procured and that the amount of funds that needs to be there would be lacking because of the new amount of choice students. We have worked with Endowment and the Finance committee's and have re-categorized the Eckhardt Fund to now be the Eckardt Financial Contingency Fund. Previously the fund was categorized for housing and additional education programs. After much review it was determined that we could use those funds as the base for Choice exit if that need should arise. All additional funds to get the fund to a level to meet the needs of our exiting choice students would be done through fundraising and donations. More information will be provided at the Federation meeting

Audit:

The latest audit is taking place this week and should be completed soon. The BOC will need to approve the audit, and I will be working with Pastor Hacker to get the results and confirm that actions are in place to address the findings.



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-2026 Budget:

The finance committee has approved the budget to be presented to the BOC for approval. Abby Flitter has done an excellent job of putting together the budget and will be presenting it for review at the Federation Meeting. BOC approved the Budget for presentation to the Federation.

Congratulations to the MLHS Volleyball Team and Coaches for their State Championship and exceptional representation of MLHS. To God be the glory!!

God's Blessings on the weeks and months ahead,
-Mike

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