

Texas District Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 29 | Texas District Mission Support Center

The Texas District Board gathered at the Mission Support Center for their scheduled meeting, beginning with a moment of recognition and gratitude. President Jon Braunersreuther honored former board members for their faithful service, including Rev. Michael Newman, and warmly welcomed new members to the board. Following introductions, the meeting was officially opened.

Pastor Nathan Wendorf led the board in a devotion. Pastor Hesse then provided the attendance report, confirming all members were present.

In a formal move, Jon Braunersreuther was appointed Chairman of the Board.

The board took time to reflect on recent major events, including the Texas District Convention and the LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG). Special thanks were extended to Gloria Dei and their staff for graciously hosting the district convention.

Comments addressing the Central Texas flooding were made. Julie Tucker, the District's Disaster Relief Coordinator, was commended for her tireless work in responding to the crisis. Congregations like Hosanna Lutheran in Kerrville have been actively providing meals and support to those affected. The board was encouraged by the outpouring of generosity from across the country and noted that applications for assistance are being received and processed efficiently.

President Braunersreuther reviewed the draft of the Board Handbook with the members, and the board moved forward with several appointments. Pastor Giese was appointed as the new circuit visitor for Circuit 25. The president also confirmed reappointments to the Board of Mission Administration (BMA).

An update on Area D staffing was shared. Dr. Bahn and Dr. Sohns will temporarily assume responsibilities vacated by President Braunersreuther, allowing time for a thoughtful evaluation of the district's needs in that area.

Treasurer Linda Hagge delivered a financial report, offering insight into the district's fiscal health.

A new initiative was unanimously approved—the establishment of the Michael and Cindy Newman Fund. This endowment will be dedicated to supporting Texas Partners in Mission (TPIM), furthering the district's outreach efforts.

Becca Jones, Executive Director of the Texas Church Extension Fund (CEF), provided an update, and the board approved the July BCE minutes.

The meeting continued with a series of important ministry reports. Sally Krueger, President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), gave a detailed update on the

organization's activities. She was followed by Dr. Bill Hinz, Director of School Ministry, who shared updates on Lutheran schools, including the appointment of three new members to the Lutheran School Accreditation Committee.

Noemi Guerra presented additional updates on evangelist training, Lisa Candido on external relations and TPIM fundraising, and Rev. Lincon Guerra with a mission field report.

After breaking for lunch, the board entered executive session. The meeting concluded later that afternoon.