

**Minutes of Special Voters' Meeting
April 6, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, April 6, 2008, by the Vice-President, Bill Cochran, and opened with prayer by Pastor Jim.

There were 63 voters in attendance at this meeting.

The main purpose of this meeting was to determine whether or not Redeemer voters would approve starting a satellite RCLS Pre-School Program at Redeemer Church.

Mr. Henry Pahlkotter, Principal, and Lynn Schoppers, Director of Pre-School Program, were present representing Rochester Central Lutheran School. They briefly reviewed the information sheet that had been made available which reiterated the responsibilities of both Redeemer and RCLS. Lynn told us why they had chosen Redeemer to approach for this project: the right staff, i.e., pastors, DCE, DPM, etc., friendly to RCLS, numerous families from Redeemer have children already attending RCLS, and we are located in a part of Rochester which they felt is ripe with opportunity for this kind of undertaking.

Mr. Pahlkotter told us that this is his first year at RCLS; he has three children; he is originally from Michigan; and he has a strong desire to share learning about Christ to provide for eternal life for families who may not have had much exposure to the means of salvation.

Some of the questions presented were as follows:

What are the mechanics to get the program started?

After approval by Redeemer, the next step is to apply for a license from the State for this site. The Fire Marshal needs to come in for an inspection; RCLS will have to find a suitable teacher; the curriculum and supervision is already in place at the main campus.

How is enrollment handled?

The same way as it is for the main campus of RCLS. It will be the parents' decision to attend the main campus or Redeemer campus. Present enrollment at RCLS from K through 8 is 342 students with 280 students already enrolled for next school year. Those who have attended the Pre-School Program have first choice to enroll in Kindergarten when the time comes.

What about insurance coverage?

RCLS will obtain an insurance rider to cover the Redeemer campus staff. Redeemer will have to cover the facility, but it is not expected to be a costly proposition.

Which rooms would be involved? And what about when the church is used for funerals, etc.?

The two rooms involved would be the present Nursery and adjoining room on the main floor of the church. The Pre-School will be flexible in the event of a funeral and will come up with a plan if and when that may happen on a school day.

What is the cost of Pre-School? And is it competitively priced?

The present cost for the 3-day program is \$1,500.00 payable in 9 monthly payments. The 2-day program is priced accordingly, and the charge for after hours care is \$3.20 per hour. Yes, it is very competitively priced.

What about the curriculum – will there be a difference between the main campus and Redeemer campus?

All curriculum will be available at Redeemer as at the main campus, including a music program, an athletic program, etc. There will be no difference in curriculum. Lutheran Christian Doctrine will be taught to keep our strength. Bible stories will be used, along with other methods of teaching grace through faith. One difference in offerings would be that there will be no hot lunch program available at the Redeemer campus. There will be a microwave available and students will have to bring their lunches.

Is enrollment prioritized?

First chance to enroll will go to partnership LCMS churches, then all LCMS churches, and after a certain date will be opened to all churches. There is a large percentage of current students at RCLS who are not from LCMS churches.

What is the time schedule to open?

The goal date is the Fall of 2008, the same time as the main campus opens. Mr. Pahlkotter indicated he feels there is a 99.99% chance of opening this Fall.

How will this new school be advertised?

That topic is under study, however, we would probably use signs, notices in churches' bulletins and monthly newsletters; notices in the Post-Bulletin; an Open House; flyers, etc.

In closing his presentation, Mr. Pahlkotter indicated that this needed to be a 100% wanted partnership by the Redeemer congregation. If that's not the case, they would be forced to look elsewhere. At this point he and Lynn left the meeting.

George Poch, as Chairman of the Board of Education, offered the following motion:

"I move that Redeemer join RCLS in establishing an RCLS Satellite Pre-School here at Redeemer starting in September of this year conditional on the items outlined in the Pre-School presentation and passing the State Fire Marshal and insurance reviews with minor cost impact to Redeemer."

The motion was seconded. Discussion: Pastor Jim suggested that we might think about using funds from the Ablaze Synod Program to raise part of our share of the start-up funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Rance gave the closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Gittus, Council Secretary