**Southwestern Michigan Principals’ Conference**

**March 2, 2012**

Those in attendance: Larry Sellnow, Al Treder, David Snyder, Kevin Lemke, Joe Greefkes, Bradley Pleuss

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM.

Kevin Lemke led the devotion encouraging us to have faith like Abraham.

The minutes from the November 4, 2011, meeting were approved.

**Professional Development**

Pages 1-15 of Mark Zarling’s paper “What the Mission of the Church Teaches Us about Lutheran Schools” were discussed. Comments focused on why our schools exist—to save a dying world. Dave Snyder shared a document the faculty of Grace in St. Joseph discussed at a staff meeting. The document was a series of discussion questions prepared by Pastor Rosenbaum. The questions were related to the paper.

 At our next conference, pages 16-27 will be discussed. The paper and others presented at the symposium from which they came can be downloaded at [**http://wlsce.net/symposium**](http://wlsce.net/symposium).

**Committee Reports**

*MLHS*

No one from the high school was present to give an official report, however Dave Snyder reported that Joel Cordes has resigned his Call effective the end of the school year to seek other opportunities. Mr. Snyder also reported that both the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams are competing in district tournaments at this time.

*Academic Committee*

 No report was given. The question was raised if perhaps March would be a better time to hold the Academic Day at MLHS. Is the November date too early in the year?

*Athletic Committee*

 Dave Snyder acted as Nate Sievert’s agent. He handed out informational flyers concerning the upcoming 3-on-3 basketball tournament to be held at MLHS on March 31. An idea to advertise the annual LES track and field day at MLHS recognizing the work Ken Nolte has put into the event was put forward. Mr. Sievert was asked to bring a resolution to the Southwestern Michigan Teachers’ Conference for action.

 It was also reported that Grace in St. Joseph will be changing its school colors to purple/black/white to more closely align their athletics with MLHS. Mr. Sievert encouraged all our schools to do the same. Most present said they were not ready or willing to do so at this time. They still wish to maintain their own identities.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

 An election was held for the position of secretary of this conference. Jerome Wolff was nominated. His nomination was supported. Nominations were closed and Mr. Wolff was unanimously elected. Bradley Pleuss assumes the chairmanship beginning in August.

 Calendar dates for the future are as follows:

 March 16, 2012 SWMTC at Holy Trinity in Wyoming

 May 11, 2012 Track Meet at MLHS

 May 14, 2012 Track Meet rain date

 May 18, 2012 Track Meet at Holy Trinity in Wyoming

 August 16, 2012 Principals’ conference at Holy Trinity in Wyoming

 October 10-12, 2012 MDTC at Grace in St. Joseph

 ???????? Academic Day at MLHS

 November 2, 2012 Principals’ conference at St. Paul in South Haven

 January 21, 2013 PTD conference ?at Grace in St. Joseph?

 March 1, 2013 Principals’ conference at Trinity in Bangor

 March 15, 2013 SWMTC at Grace in St. Joseph

 May 10, 2013 Track Meet at MLHS

 May 13, 2013 Track Meet rain date

 May 17, 2013 Track Meet at Holy Trinity in Wyoming

**Round Table**

Al Treder Stevensville added a new student. Present enrollment in grades K-8 is 88.

 They have 34 in preschool in three groups.

 Dave Snyder pass

 Joe Greefkes Mr. Greekes asks for our prayers as he and his doctors seek to solve a puzzling

 condition regarding his person

 Bradley Pleuss Asked the group about their math curriculum

 Larry Sellnow Questioned lower math scores synod-wide

 Kevin Lemke Bangor has an enrollment of 27. Two new students were added this past week.

 D.S. pass

 J.G. pass

 B.P. Asked about what appears to be an increase in students’ inappropriate language

 J.G. Does anyone have a source for short skits for students to perform at a talent

 show?

The next meeting will be held in Wyoming on August 16, 2012, at 9:30 A.M..

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley P. Pleuss