

Floor Committee 08: WELS Historical Institute, WELS Archives

Subject: WELS Archives

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 79, 140

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) the ongoing preservation and organization of fragile synodical records continue to be a pressing need; and

WHEREAS 2) previous synodical conventions have adopted resolutions that the synod hire a full-time archivist, but necessary funding was unavailable; and

WHEREAS 3) Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has announced a partnership with WELS administration to move the synod's archives to the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry; and

WHEREAS 4) WELS Historical Institute strongly supports the need for an archivist; and

WHEREAS 5) Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will fund for two years a qualified archivist who can oversee the move; and

WHEREAS 6) following this move, the ongoing administration of the WELS archives might be accomplished through trained volunteers; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we thank our almighty God for providing the initial funding for an archivist through Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; and be it further

Resolved, b) that Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary proceed with its plan to fund for two years a qualified archivist who can oversee the relocation of materials from its campus to the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry; and be it finally

Resolved, c) that the Synodical Council retain, subject to funding, a permanent archivist after the cessation of the funding from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Pastor Adam Horneber, chairman

Teacher Steven Rosenbaum, secretary

ADOPTED