

Floor Committee 15: Support Services

Subject: Overview

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 92-100

Report No. 15-01

Technology: We applaud the support services' effort to keep personal information secure for called workers, employees, and customers of WELS. We appreciate their diligence in protecting this information and staying on task to keep it secure.

Financial: We appreciate the effort to be good stewards of what God has given to us as a synod. We appreciate the willingness to do more with less and to find effective ways to do this task.

Human Resources: We appreciate the forward thinking to provide resources needed for congregations. We appreciate their willingness to have qualified individuals from WELS congregations evaluate their work.

Facility Services: The new archive initiative is well planned and preserves the history of the WELS in fine fashion.

Capital Projects Committee: We are concerned that WELS has consistently fallen below school capital spending maintenance standards. We support the committee request to evaluate the need, evaluate the recommendations, and identify funding. (pages 99-100)

Concern has been expressed about difficulties with tax reporting for clergy in the congregations. We anticipate increased clarity of the tax manual and accompanying code changes.

Pastor Don Pieper, chairman

Deacon Mike Mundstock, secretary