

Floor Committee 14: Subsidiaries and Benefit Plans

Subject: WELS Historical Institute

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 133-136

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The committee would like to thank the WELS Historical Institute for its faithful work of preserving the history of our synod dating back to her founding in 1850 through Salem Lutheran Landmark Church in Milwaukee, WI, which serves as the official WELS museum. We would like to draw attention to the fact that the WELS Historical Institute had a membership of nearly 600 in its early years. That membership currently stands at 200. Because of this drop, we would like to raise awareness of this historical organization and encourage members of the synod to take an active role. There are several ways to do this including taking a tour, organizing a group tour of Salem Landmark Church and the museum, arranging for a speaker from the institute to present to your congregation or a group within your congregation, or becoming an active member of the Institute. We thank the members of the synod for their generous donations supporting this organization and encourage all members of the WELS to consider contributions in the future.

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