

**Central PA & MD Chapter Meeting
The Lutheran Center
September 13, 2007**

The Meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer at 10:35 AM by president, Dennis Ritter.

Attendance: Beth Herr, David Shank, Everett Johnson, Brenda Meier, Denise Finney, Dennis Ritter, Roger Smith, Molly Shane, Kathleen Reed and Lois Natarajan.

Minutes from the April meeting were accepted with the suggestion that the status of the CFRE courses at the Chicago conference be investigated.

President's Report

Our Chapter By-Laws were approved by International. Copies will be available at the next chapter meeting in November.

Treasurer's Report

Jeremy Bouman, our treasurer took a position at Dana College in Nebraska on September 1st. Before leaving, Jeremy turned over to Greg Kramer the treasurer's books and 2 additional checks from International that will be added to our treasury.

Report from the Membership Chairperson

Roger Smith passed out a membership directory for Central PA/MD, a chapter meeting supply list, an Identity Standards Manuel and information on the Ambassador Program containing a Prospect Referral form. It is not necessary to contact the person you are referring for membership in ALDE, but it would be nice to let them know that they will be receiving a packet of information from International.

Mentoring

Mentoring forms were distributed.

Other Business

Election of Treasurer

Since no one came forward to volunteer for the position of treasurer, Dennis will follow up on names that were suggested.

Future Topics and Presenters

It was suggested that a survey may be used to discover what kinds of programs chapter members would be interested in attending, how many meetings should be scheduled each year, how far members would travel to attend a meeting, and preferences for meeting locations.

We also discussed the possibility of scheduling two business meetings per year, and one event (mini conference) in addition to the International Conference. The mini conference could be a combined effort with the Big East Chapter. Molly Shane, Kathleen Reed and Denise Finney volunteered to design a survey.

Beth Herr asked members to sign a sympathy card that she was sending to the Fred Bleeke family.

Program

Brenda Meier presented a video “Celebrate What’s Right With the World”. The theme of the video was “Believe it and you will see it”. A stimulating discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Natarajan
Secretary

Future Meetings:
(10:00 AM refreshments/ 10:30 AM meeting)

February 20 – March 3, 2008 at the International Conference in Chicago

April 10, 2008 – The Lutheran Center