



Western Iowa Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 14th, 2018 9:30 AM

Synod Mission Center (Synod Office) 318 E 5th St, Storm Lake Iowa

Members present: Brian Campbell (Vice President), Antoine Cummins, Pr. Scott Dalen, Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), Pr. Barb Kopperud, Judy Lang, Pr. Cole McCormick, Kathy McEnelly, Nancy Peters, Bishop Prois, Julie Sievers, Blake Stratton, Brian Underwood, and Pr Erma Wolf (via phone)

Members absent with notice: Maja Knutson, Pr. Jim Mossman (Secretary), KayLynn Ridgely

Members absent w/o notice: Dave Bohnet, Gail Schilmoeller

Mission Team Present: Kay Broich, Lynn Egesdal

Guests present: Marlyce Hauge (WISWO)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Meeting was called to order by Brian Campbell at 9:35 am

A welcome was given by Bishop Prois to everyone especially the new members.

Opening Devotions were given by Rev. Cole McCormick based on Isaiah 40:30-31

SC18.07.1 ADOPT the agenda as amended. Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Brian Underwood; PASSED

New Council Members, mixers, introductions, orientation and responsibilities were covered. Went over responsibilities of Synod Council, Chapter 10 of Synod Constitution.

Correspondence – none

SC18.07.2 *APPROVE the minutes of the March 17, 2018 as amended, Brian C. is from Emmetsburg not from Estherville, & May 22, 2018 Synod Council meeting. Motion made and second by: Julie Sievers, Brian Underwood; PASSED.*

SC18.07.3 *RECEIVE the treasurer's report.* Motion made and second by: Judy Lang, Cole McCormick; PASSED

Michael Jacobson went over the financial reports including a year-to-date history of mission support.

SC18.07.4 Motion made and seconded to approve the finance committee's recommendation of the distribution of any contributions above the \$950,000 of which 35% will go to churchwide and 65% to

educational debt; and a committee be formed to determine the distribution of the educational fund; Julie Sievers, Kathy McEnelly; PASSED

Brian Campbell said there was nothing new for the Vice President's report

2018 – 2019 Assembly Report

ABC met on July 8th to review evaluations

- Proposal for ABC and Synod Council members to make own hotel reservations; turning in receipt for reimbursement or partial payment within 2 weeks after assembly; everyone was in favor of this.
- Pr. Barb Kopperud gave information on the tool kit for a Bishop's Election. Bishop Election task force will be meeting on July 28th or Aug 8. Appropriate to let everyone (every congregation) know 8 or 9 months in advance there is a Bishop's election at the assembly in 2019. Congregations will be asked to submit names with instructions on how to do that. This will help create energy in the synod. Synod Council should be instructed on the ecclesiastical ballot. Help people understand what an important decision this is.

The future Annual Assemblies will be held:

- May 3-5, 2019 – Bishop Election – Sioux City Convention Center
 - 2020 ?
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Bishop's Report - Bishop Prois presented his report highlighting the following areas:

- Attended youth gathering, how do we keep that momentum going
 - Spoke at a pre-retirement seminar
 - Spoke to church councils
 - Dean's meetings
 - Confirmation Festivals, more conference led
 - Discussed TEEM and M Div students
 - Travels to Tanzania
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Staff reports were the same as presented for the assembly reports received from Pr. Lorna Halaas, Pr. Jeff Unga, Lynn Egesdal, Deacon, Cindy Wells

Blake Stratton briefly shared about his experience at the ELCA youth gathering.

Bishop Prois presented and explained the idea of **2x2 Visits**; visiting every congregation or shared ministry in the synod. Visit and be listening posts with the people of the WIS congregations. If each Synod Council member would do 4 visits, pairing up with one of the team members to cover the congregations before they get their new budgets set. Possibly Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday evenings. This is instead of Thankfulness events. Scripts of information will be provided along with a narrative budget. 45-60 minutes each. Bishop said we would send out a commitment form and questions. Offer congregations a couple dates to choose from. Michael willing to build a spreadsheet of congregations/visits. Should look at a conference map to see where Synod Council members are from.

SC.18.07.5 Appoint Rev. Dr. Mike Kroona to fill Rev. Jim Mossman's position on Synod Council (3 year term w/1 year remaining) Julie moved; Judy Lang second. Passed

- **Appointment of members for open positions still need to happen**
 - **ABC**
 - – Linda Clarke resigned (lay female, 2 year term w/1 year remaining) Living waters conference
 - Lay Female – Rivers of Grace (2 year term)
 - **Synod Council**
 - Lay Male (Abundant Fields Conference) – 3 year term
 - Lay Male (Rivers of Grace) 1 year term

Received On Leave from Call Request from Rev. Lissa Kahl –

Roster Manual information was shared regarding on leave from call and action to take to request OLC. Bishop Presented the letter he received from Lissa on July 12th at the Western Iowa Synod office for information sake. Roster manual could be put on the WIS website for easier access.

SC.18.07.6 Motion made and seconded to accept Bishop's recommendation to defer action and prayerfully consider further action. Julie Sievers, Barb Kopperud; PASSED

SC.18.07.7 Executive Committee Election – “The Executive Committee consists of the Bishop, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and four members elected by the Synod Council from among the membership of the Synod Council.” (S11.01.01.)

Those elected by written (not unanimous) ballot were: Judy Lang (lay), Julie Sievers (lay), Barb Kopperud (clergy), Nancy Peters (lay)

Synod Council members were asked to designate other committees and networks that they'd like to serve on. (See chart on page 5.)

Other Business – Brian Underwood talked about Lutheran Men in Mission, especially RAGBRAI, and raising matching funds for the National Men in Mission

SC18.07.8 APPROVE the following En Bloc items:

Approve On Leave From Call request:

Rev. Norm Bauer
Rev. Ann Klavano

Approve those moved/moving to retired status:

Rev. Judy Wozniak – 6/1/2018
Rev. Jon Sersland – 7/1/2018

Approve Synod Council Letter of Call:

Rev. Len Halvorson, Interim - St Olaf, Ft Dodge – June 11

Rev. Andy Nelson – Campus ministry, Chaplain @ Morningside & chaplain with the 185th Air Refueling Wing of the Iowa National Guard

Approve Rev. Ron Yarnell serving Full Communion Partner, Methodist Church

Approve Rev. Trudy Peterson – move to disability status

- Approve removal of the following congregations from the Western Iowa Synod:
 - St Paul's/Neola

- Bethlehem/Buffalo Center
- Good Shephard/Adair
- St John/Cylinder

Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Scott Dalen; PASSED

The next meeting will be October 13th, 2018.

Appointment of devotions at next meeting

- October meeting Julie Sievers
- January meeting Kathy McEnelly
- Noted expense vouchers were available
- Closed with Prayer

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:05 pm.

Schedule of council, board and committee meetings:

Oct. 13th, 2018	9:30 am	Synod Council meeting/Network Budgeting Session
January 12th, 2019	9:30 am	Synod Council meeting
April 13th, 2019		Synod Council meeting
May 3-5, 2019		Synod Assembly (Bishop Election)
July 13 th , 2019		Synod Council meeting

Attachment: Synod Council listing of Committees/Networks/Other

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Egesdal

Secretary Pro Tem

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Committees/Networks/Other

Executive Committee (4+4)	Bp Rodger Prois	Constitution
	VP Brian Campbell	Constitution
	Treas Michael Jacobson	Constitution
	Sec Jim Mossman	Constitution
	Rev. Barb Kopperud	Elected-Synod Council
	Judy Lang	Elected-Synod Council
	Julie Sievers	Elected-Synod Council
	Nancy Peters	Elected-Synod Council

Committees	Primary Interest
ABC (2)	Brian Campbell
	Rev. Barb Kopperud
Finance	Rev. Cole McCormick
	Julie Sievers

Network Liasons	Primary Interest
Hunger Network	Kathy McEnelly; Erma Wolf
CODR	Brian Underwood; Judy Lang
Global Missions	Antoine Cummins; Mike Kroona; Nancy Peters
Disability	Blake Stratton
Faith Formation	Scott Dalen, Judy Lang
Communication	Kathy McEnelly, Scott Dalen