



Western Iowa Synod
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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 17, 2018 9:30 AM
Synod Mission Center (Synod Office), Storm Lake, IA

Members present: Brian Campbell (Vice President), Pr Brian Jack, Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), Susan Juilfs, Judy Lang, Pr Cole McCormick, Pr Jim Mossman, Karen Post (Secretary), Bishop Rodger Prois, Bruce Radtke, KayLynn Ridgely, Gail Schilmoeller, Julie Sievers, Brian Underwood

Members absent with notice: Antoine Cummins, Maja Knutson, Pr Barbara Kopperud, Sandy Smith, Blake Stratton, Pr Erma Wolf

Members absent without notice:

Mission Team present: Kay Broich, Pr Lorna Halaas, Pr Jeff Unga, Cindy Wells

Guests present: Marlyce Hauge (WISWO); Jason Lee, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), Rev. Nordphrey Philip Mlangali, David Taylor (St. Paul synod) (Rev. Mlangali's chauffeur)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Campbell at 9:30 AM.

Opening St. Patrick devotions were given by Bishop Prois.

SC18.03.1 *ADOPT the agenda as amended.*

Motion made and seconded by: Julie Sievers, Michael Jacobson; PASSED

Correspondence: (none)

SC18.03.2 *APPROVE the December 9, 2017 and February 6, 2018 Synod Council minutes.*

The February 6, 2018 were amended to remove the specific names of "Rodger Prois" and "Brian Campbell" from the 2019 Churchwide nomination list.

Motion made and seconded by: Gail Schilmoeller, Brian Underwood; PASSED

Michael Jacobson presented the November financial reports.

- 1) Reviewed the 2017 audit report from Hunzelman, Putzier & Co.
 - a. Mission Support to Churchwide increased by \$16,244, or 34.6% (was 34.0% in 2017)
 - b. Discussed the future synod office building balloon payment (2022) and other options.

- c. The increase in value of the farm land; determine future needs/purposing.

SC18.03.3 APPROVE the 2017 Audit Report.

Motion made and seconded by: Gail Schilmoeller, Judy Lang; PASSED

- 2) Reviewed the February 2018 financial reports
a. Mission Support: watching, as is lagging last year and the budget

SC18.03.4 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.

Motion made and seconded by: Jim Mossman, Julie Sievers; PASSED

Synod Assembly updates

2018 Assembly updates/summary:

- Theme Verse: Acts 1:8 "8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- Global Church musicians
- Assembly Offering: 1/3 to Campaign of ELCA, 1/3 to WIS TEEM Scholarships, 1/3 SACCOs
- Parliamentarian – Rev. Jay Denne
- Churchwide Rep – Dr. Kathryn Johnson (recent replacement)
- Bible study leader – Rev. Troy Troftgruben

Future assemblies:

- 2018 - "We are Church for the sake of the world" – Sioux City Convention Center
 - 2019 – Bishop Election – Sioux City Convention Center
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Bishop's Report – Bishop Prois began his Prayers and Holy Dreams report.

Jason Lee from LSI arrived at approximately 10:40 AM.

Jason Lee from LSI addressed the Council at 10:50 AM, providing information on their presence and varied services within WIS.

Jason Lee left the meeting at 11:20 AM.

We took a 5-minute break.

Rev. Nordphrey Philip Mlangali, David Taylor (St. Paul synod) (Rev. Mlangali's chauffeur) arrived in the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Bishop Prois continued his report.

Urgency regarding diversity
Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAMs)
St. John, Cylinder, took a first vote to disaffiliate

Companion relationships

Staff reports were received from:

Pr Lorna Halaas
Pr Jeff Ungs
Deacon Lynn Egesdal
Cindy Wells

Brian Underwood gave some details of recent Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) activities.

Marlyce Hauge reported on upcoming Western Iowa Synod Women's Organization (WISWO) events.

Identify Board Members for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Ames - tabled until the next meeting.

Jim Mossman - Election Task Force names brought forward:

Rick Lampe (Storm Lake)
Diane Vavak (Rockwell City)
Lori Porsch (Storm Lake)
Pr Perry Aalgaard (Milford)
Pr Barb Kopperud (Sibley)
Brian Campbell (Estherville)
Pr Peter Morlock (Emmetsburg)
Pr Chris Lang (Graettinger) (tentative)

SC18.03.5 *APPROVE persons to serve on the 2019 Bishop's Election Task Force.*

Motion made and seconded by: Jim Mossman, Julie Sievers; PASSED

SC18.03.6 *APPROVE the following En Bloc items:*

Approve On Leave From Call request:

Pr Sarah Aasheim (family)

Approve move to retired status:

Rev. Gene Broughton (5/1/18)

Rev. Jane Johnston (4/1/18)

Approve Synod Council letter of call:

(none)

Re-elect Dr. Jessica Pleus and Rev. Chris Meyer to LSI Board.

Motion made and seconded by: Karen Post, Michael Jacobson; PASSED

Rev. Nordphrey Philip Mlangali (senior at Luther Seminary) from Southern Diocese of Tanzania addressed the Council, expressing thanks to the synod for support given.

Conference dean – Pr Cindy Johnson has resigned (Rivers of Grace); a replacement name is pending.

The next meeting will be July 14, 2018.

Cole McCormick will offer devotions (and be chaplain for the day).

Noted that the expense vouchers were available.

Executive Committee will meet during lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Schedule of council, board and network/committee meetings:

June 8-10, 2018	Synod Assembly
July 14, 2018	Synod Council Meeting
May 3-5, 2019	Synod Assembly (Bishop Election)

Attachment: Synod Council listing of Committees/Networks/Other

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Post
Western Iowa Synod Secretary

Committees/Networks/Other

Executive Committee (4 + 4)	Bp Rodger Prois	Constitution
	VP Brian Campbell	Constitution
	Treas Michael Jacobson	Constitution
	Sec Karen Post	Constitution
	Barb Kopperud	Elected-Synod Council
	Jim Mossman	Elected-Synod Council
	Gail Schilmoeller	Elected-Synod Council
	Julie Sievers	Elected-Synod Council

Committees	Primary interest
ABC (2)	Brian Campbell
	Gail Schilmoeller
Finance	Cole McCormick, Julie Sievers
Leadership	Susan Juilfs, Cole McCormick
Communication (Bishop to appoint)	
Mutual Ministry (Bishop to appoint)	

Network Liaisons	Primary interest
Global Mission/Hunger	Brian Jack, KayLyn Ridgely
Church of the Damascus Road Re-entry	Brian Underwood, Brian Jack
Companion Synod	Barb Kopperud
Disability	Judy Lang
LYO	Blake Straton(?), Cole McCormick, KayLyn Ridgely
Faith Formation	Gail Schilmoeller
Disaster Response	Michael Jacobson
Mission Support (w/cong.)	Jim Mossman, Sandy Smith
New & Renewing Congregations	Bruce Radtke
Prayer	Brian Underwood, Erma Wolf
Spirituality	Judy Lang
Worship	Erma Wolf
Domestic Hunger	Sandy Smith
Peace	Antoine Cummins(?)
Intercultural	Bruce Radtke, Brian Jack, Barb Kopperud, Brian Underwood

Volunteers to help on:	Primary interest
Conference structure	Erma Wolf
Nomination structure	Julie Sievers Karen Post
Define conference dean responsibilities	