



**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Synod Office**

PARTICIPANTS:

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| Bishop: | Elaine Sauer |
| Chair: | Brian Lorch |
| Treasurer: | Allan Francis (absent with reason) |
| Secretary: | Carol Janke |
| Guest: | Dale Clark |

- 1. Bishop Elaine opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.**
- 2. Luther Village Update:** Dale Clark provided helpful information about the ongoing ministry of the camp and the board's plans and dreams for upgrading and expansion.

3. The agenda was approved.

4. Reports:

3.1 Bishop: a comprehensive written report was provided.

3.2 Secretary: nothing to report

3.3 Treasurer: the auditors are on site looking over the financials. A written report presented the year end numbers and things were financially okay. (I am sure you can improve on this Allan.)

5. Items for Discussion/ Information:

5.1 CECF Project Vision Committee

a.) revisit MSC EX October -15-5

MSC EX February 16 -1 that Mark Koenker replace Bart Coleman on the Special Projects Committee

MSC EX February 16 -2 that the Special Projects Committee be renamed "Acts of the MNO Committee."

b.) Review progress report from committee

Executive endorses the recommendations of the Acts of the MNO Committee and will bring them to Synod Council in an e-meeting.

5.2 Budget Allocation

Clarified that the Interchurch Council on Hydro Power budget allocation for 2016 be \$3,850.

5.3 Nominations

a.) Council Committees/Grants/Governance: Grants Committee still need members. Brian will contact several people to see if they will serve. Meetings to be held via conference call.

b.) Report from Nominations Committee re 2016 Convention: We lack nominations from outside the perimeter – Agassiz, Westman and Brokenhead have no nominations for lay positions on Synod Council.

c.) Treasurer: A list of possible names were submitted. Bishop Elaine will approach them.

d.) Nominations for delegates to 2017 National Convention: We are waiting for congregations to have their annual meetings in order to submit names of lay delegates. We will need to suspend Section II, No 1 of the Policy on Procedures for Electing Synodical Delegates to the ELCIC National Conventions.

5.4 Funding of delegates to National conventions

The Executive will bring a proposal regarding this to Synod Council at the April 2016 meeting.

5.5 Convention Planning

a.) Bylaw package: The Executive will make recommendations to Synod Council for decision at an e-meeting.

i. Convention fees – an e-meeting will be held re Part V, Sec 9b in order to delete this.

b.) Agenda Update: Appropriate changes were made to the agenda recognizing time constraints and new timing for guest speakers

5.6 Criminal Record Check Policy – tabled

5.7 Sabbatical Guidelines - tabled

6. In Camera Session

7. Date for Next Meeting: April 21st noon in Steinbach (location to be decided)

8. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Carol Janke, Secretary