



**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
Thursday, June 9, 2016
Synod Office**

PARTICIPANTS:	Bishop:	Elaine Sauer
	Chair:	Brian Lorch
	Treasurer:	Allan Francis
	Secretary:	Carol Janke
	Guest:	Heather Howdle (incoming Chair)

1. Bishop Elaine opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed incoming chair Heather Howdle.

2. The agenda was approved

3. Reports:

3.1 Bishop: A written report was provided, containing information about congregations and leadership. It was astonishing to note the number of congregations who are currently in part time ministry. Included was the many coming events/activities on the Bishop's schedule.

3.2 Secretary: There were no roster changes to report.

3.3 Treasurer: We are on track with Benevolence and Mission As Hope. The spending is in line with the budget.

4. Items for Discussion / Decision

4.1 Convention Debriefing / Follow Up

- a) Submission of Constitution and Bylaws to NCC: Brian and Carol will prepare and send this information for inclusion in the next NCC meeting to be held in September 2016.

- b) Evaluation survey: Noted was the many affirmations for the fine way St. Paul's Steinbach welcomed, cared for and fed us. As well we noted the need for various forms that would help streamline the work of the convention as well as provide greater accuracy. (instructions for and examples of motion preparation, election and attendance reporting etc.)
- c) Minutes: We discussed the need for a recorder at conventions, which would free the secretary to keep track of the necessary details and events which need to be included. Also that all convention results be reported to the Secretary before they come before the convention.
- d) Convention manual: Various additions were discussed.
- e) Convention fee assessment: Discussion ensued regarding how to accurately reflect the convention costs in order to decide on an assessment. The assessment needs to be sent out to the congregations as soon as Synod Council has made the decision in order for congregations to include the amount in their annual budget.
- f) Treasurer nomination: No Treasurer has been found, yet Bishop Elaine assured Allan his term ending will be honored.

4.2 LUM appeal request

It is our synodical practice to schedule appeals in a way that allows for various ministries to have successful results. The following motions will be recommended to the Synod Council teleconference meeting to be held tonight at 7 pm.:

MSC EX June 16-4 that Lutheran Urban Ministry be given approval to conduct an appeal to the

**congregations of the MNO Synod until
October 31,2016.**

**MSC EX June 16-5 that the Bishop be directed to communicate
with the Lutheran Urban Ministry Board
regarding its short and long term
sustainability.**

4.3 Communications committee / advisory panel

We will consult with the Synod Council regarding forming a committee
for the development of the synod's communication strategy.

4.4 Luther Village Board Appointment

**MSC EX June 16-6 that Caroline Wintoniw be appointed to the
Luther Village Board for a term to expire
February 2019.**

5. In Camera Session
6. Date for Next Meeting: September 22, 2016 at 2 pm.
7. Bishop Elaine thanked Brian and Allan for their wonderful work with the synod and their partnership in the gospel.
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Janke, Secretary