



**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
Thursday, September 22, 2016
Synod Office**

PARTICIPANTS: Bishop: Elaine Sauer
 Chair: Heather Howdle
 Secretary: Carol Janke

1. Bishop Elaine opened the meeting with prayer.

2. The agenda was approved

3. Reports

3.1 Bishop: Update was given on the ongoing work of our bishop including: call processes, area strategy teams, parental leave policy, staffing, Missional Network – ALIGN, and Compassionate Justice.

3.2 Secretary: Pastor Les Skonnard, Gimli Lutheran Church, Gimli, MB, moved to TWC.

3.3 Finance: Income statements ending August 31st were received. We are on track with benevolence and Mission as Hope. The spending is in line with our budget.

4. Items for Discussion / Decision

4.1

a. Governance Committee:

MSC EX Sept 16-7 that Brian Lorch, Matthew Diegel and Michael Kvern be appointed to the Governance Committee.

b. Convention Manual: We will direct Brian Lorch to investigate the possibility of a convention manual.

- c. Annual Convention Fee Assessment: We would like to develop a consistent fee arrangement for congregation convention fees (national and synodical.) This will be a first time initiative. Since NCC has based our numbers on the 2014 parochial reports it equates to 23 delegates for the upcoming National Convention. We recommend to the Synod Council that the convention assessment fees be based on baptized membership statistics from the ELCIC parochial reports.
- d. Treasurer: We are still investigating options.
- e. Signing Authority:

MSC EX Sept 16-8 that Brian Lorch and Allan Francis be removed from the signing authority and Heather Howdle be added as a signing authority at Assiniboine Credit Union.

4.2 November Council Meeting

- a. We will ask Matthew Diegel to act as chaplain for our November 17-18 Synod Council Meeting.
- b. Heather will work with Debbie Beyer to develop the agenda for this meeting.

4.3 Lundar Lutheran Church Question to Council re LUM Appeal: We agreed to carry forward their question "Are there similar appeals being issued to support rural congregation in their similar ministries?" for discussion at the MNO Synod Council meeting in November.

4.4 Kvern Scholarship: In March of 2016, Margie Kvern, a well- respected nurse as well as a musician at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, died. A fund in her name has been created through the Winnipeg Foundation to provide scholarships available for church musicians or students wanting further education in the church music field. The family would like to work with the synod to administer the scholarship, ie application and promotion, as well as appointments to a scholarship

committee. We recommend to the Synod Council that a scholarship committee be created to see to this work.

4.5 Acts of MNO Synod: we recommend to Synod Council full funding for the Western Synod Lay Academy. *Note: a copy of the Lay Academy Application will be included in the docket.*

5. In Camera Session

6. Date for next meeting: October 20th, 2016 at 2 pm at the Synod Office.

7. We adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Janke, Secretary