



**MNO SYNOD  
EXECUTIVE MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
Synod Office**

<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b>	Bishop:	Elaine Sauer
	Chair:	Heather Howdle
	Treasurer:	Neil Miller
	Secretary:	Carol Janke

**1. Bishop Elaine opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.**

**2. The agenda was approved.**

**3. Reports:**

3.1 Bishop: an extensive written report including congregational ministries, leadership, staffing and upcoming events was provided.

3.2 Secretary: there have been no roster changes since our last meeting.

3.3 Treasurer:

- a. a financial update was provided. We are on track with budget and expenditures.
- b. Neil will work with Debbie and the Synod Executive to develop the 2019, 2020, and 2021 budgets.
- c. the Compensation Guidelines will be prepared in order to be reviewed by the Synod Council at their November meeting.
- d. Debbie and Neil will work on the details regarding the budget for the 2018 MNO Synod Convention.
- e. A reminder that Column A of the budget is the total amount that can be dispersed to our Interfaith partnerships.
- f. Neil will investigate other options for auditing and bring the results to Synod Council for a decision. (see Part XI, Financial Matters)

#### 4. Items for Discussion

- 4.1 The synod office staff have been requested to send all group emails in a bcc format.
- 4.2 The April 2018 Synod Convention will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, Winnipeg.
- a. the planning of the agenda was deferred to the next meeting.
  - b. discussion was had regarding a retirement dinner for Bishop Elaine. It was decided that it should be held at the hotel booked for the delegates to simplify travel etc. The Norwood Hotel seemed a reasonable location with good banquet facilities.
  - c. Bishop Susan will be requested to oversee the election of a new Bishop
  - d. Bishop Elaine will organize an information session for delegates to help them in their discernment as they choose a new bishop.
- 4.3 The following agenda item will be deferred to the November 2017 Synod Council Meeting:
- a. length of term for the Grants Committee members.
  - b. the need for a motion to close the Beautiful Feet Initiative
- 4.4 Annual Appeals:

**MSC EX Sept 2017 13      that the Committee for Missions' Cameroon Appeal be changed from September 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be changed to January 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**MSC EX Sept 2017 14      that we approve the Lutheran Theological Seminary Appeal to be put before the synod from October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**MSC EX Sept 2017 15**

**that we refer the concept of annual appeals of partners to the November 2017 MNO Synod Council meeting.**

- 5. In Camera Session**
- 6. Date for Next Meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 10:00 to 11:30 at the synod office.
- 7. Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Carol Janke, Secretary