

South Dakota Synod Council
Haugo room at Augustana College
10-13-14

Vice President Carla Borchardt called the meeting to order.

Rev. Jackie Braun led devotions.

MSC to seat Rev. Dan Ofstehage to Synod Council from Northern Plains conference.

SC.14.10.01

Members present: Brodey Danielson, Jody Johnson, Jon Schmitz, Rev. Jonathon Vehar, Jesse Fonkert, Peggy Namanny, Rev. Dan Ofstenge, Robert Nelson, Christy Kimball, Rev. Greg Myrmoe, Marilyn Green, Alex Jensen, Rev. Jackie Braun, Lonell Mueller, Teri Gayer, Carie Knutson, Rev. Randy Koeller, Erik Gilbertson, Carla Borchardt, Susan Leddy, and Bishop Dave Zellmer

Staff present: Rev. Karen Rupp, Cathy Larson, Lois Borchardt, Rev. Bill Tesch, Jim Schade.

MSC to approve the agenda.

SC.14.10.02

MSC to approve the minutes of the August 8-9, 2014 meeting.

SC.14.10.03

Erik Gilbertson provided the treasurer's report. Year to date we are operating at a deficit from budget of \$27,233. Mission support has decreased in the months of June and August.

MSC to receive the treasurer's report

SC.14.10.04

Erik Gilbertson attended the Treasurer's conference in Philadelphia and provided an overview. He offered to provide congregational treasurers with an educational opportunity to review congregational finances and current practices.

Rev. Bill Tesch provided his report. Synod staff will analyze mission support and make contact with congregations. Council members are asked to make three church visits and thank them for their support. Westside Lutheran is moving into their new church building. Several congregations are in renewal and participating in GIFT, Growing in Faith Together. Retreats are scheduled at Abbey of the Hills and Outlaw Ranch.

Bishop Zellmer's report

Bishop Zellmer provided highlights from his recent Conference of Bishops. He reported that there has been significant turnover of staff at the seminaries in the United States. The Ethiopian Lutheran church has severed its relationship with the ELCA and the Swedish Lutheran church but kept its ties to Lutheran World Federation. All missionaries have been removed from West Africa due to the Ebola crisis. The benefit of the improvements in the

hospital at Garoua Boulai has impacted the lives of many people in Eastern Cameroon. Immigration continues to be an important issue for the church.

Mission partners reports

Heartland Ephthatha Ministries: Director, Jason Andera provided an overview of services offered. Angela Koterwski shared her appreciation of the Synod's support to Heartland Ephthatha Ministry.

Pine Ridge Retreat Center: Rev. Karen Rupp shared a power point on the Pine Ridge Mission and the impact of the support to the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Lutheran Planned Giving: Jim Schade provided an overview on Lutheran Planned Giving and the services they offer.

Carla Borcharadt recently attended the conference of Vice Presidents that was held in conjunction with the Conference of Bishops. She provided an overview of the conference.

Susan Marone AIM provided her report. The Synod was able to give \$84,000 in seminary debt reduction this year.

Roster matters

Bishop Dave reported that the Secretary of the ELCA has indicated a revised understanding concerning the management of the roster. The Synod Council only takes action on a positive recommendation. If the Bishop does not recommend a request the candidate will be removed from the roster by the Secretary of the ELCA.

Inform only:

Rev. Dana Lockhart transferred to Indiana-Kentucky Synod

Rev. Wanda McNeil transferred to Northern Illinois Synod

Rev. Kent Narum transferred to Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod

MSC to issue a Specialized Synod Call to Dr. Chris Croghan, Luther House of Study

SC.14.10.05

MSC to move Rev. Debora Grismer On Leave From Call

SC.14.10.06

MSC to continue on Leave From Call for Rev. Kirstin Kellaheer

SC.14.10.07

The next churchwide assembly is in 2016. Voting members will be elected at the 2015 Synod Assembly.

MSC to adopt the following guidelines to elect voting members by conference to attend the ELCA Assembly in New Orleans in August of 2016.

Bear Butte: Clergy-1, lay male-1, lay female-1

Prairie Coteau: Clergy-1, lay male-1

Medary: Clergy-1, lay male-1, lay female-1

Crossroads: Clergy-2, lay male-1, lay female-1, one of the voting members must be under the age of 30

Southeastern: Clergy-1, lay male-1

Northern Plains: Clergy-1, lay male-1, lay female-1

Prairie Rivers: Clergy-1, lay female-1

Youth: 1

Color/Non-English: 1

Executive officers: Bishop-1, Vice President-1, Secretary-1

The total delegation from South Dakota is 24.

SC.14.10.08

Rev. Bill Tesch outlined the information available for congregational visits. Packets were submitted to council members and encouraged to visit in the next two months.

MSC to approve the occupancy agreement between the South Dakota Synod, Augustana College and Lutherans Outdoors

SC.14.10.09

Capital Campaign

The executive committee approved the hiring of the capital campaign employees. They include Debbie Gallipo, Rev. Bob Hanson, and Suzanne Hanson. Rob Oliver has agreed to be the Campaign Chair.

Mission Board reports

Congregational ministries: The committee evaluated the stewardship days held this summer. They encouraged treasurer, Erik Gilbertson to assist congregational treasurers with leadership and expertise.

Leadership: Chili with the Bishop this winter is to focus on working with the youth.

Outreach: The committee encouraged representation on the Multicultural committee. The roof at Woyaton needs to be replaced.

The next Synod council meeting is scheduled for March 13th, 2015 in Sioux Falls. Pastor Jonathan Vehar is responsible for devotions.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Leddy
Secretary