

**NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN**  
**SYNOD COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 17, 2016 - 10:30am

**LOCATION:** Luther Park Bible Camp, Synod Council Retreat

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>ATTENDED</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Synod Staff			
Bishop Rick Hoyme	X		
Rev Laurie Skow-Anderson		X	
Rev John Sutherland	X		
Rev Greg Kaufman		X	
Liz Bartsch - Administration	X		
Gail Brown - Synod Staff		X	
Council Members			
Lynn Fering, Vice President	X		
Rev Lori Peper, Secty	X		
Apple River Conference			
Justin Swanson		X	
Kim Patterson		X	
Rev Marilyn Crossfield		X	
Chequamegon Conference			
Jenny Nieman		X	
Rev Bob Giese		X	
Dan Rosien		X	
Chippewa Valley Conference			
Michelle Pride		X	
Rev Sarah Semmler-Smith		X	
Tim Fehr		X	
Dairyland Conference			
		X	
Kathy Boe		X	
Heart of the North Conference			
Ed Peters		X	
Rev Russ Leeper		X	
Karyn Hullinger		X	

COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDED	ABSENT	NOTES
Lake Superior Conference			
Rev Paul Simmons		X	
Gerry Olson		X	
Magge Ericson	X		
St Croix Valley Conference			
Rev Erin Nelson	X		
Ed Waters		X	
Phyllis Beastrom	X		
Youth Representatives			
Marisa Jasicki - Maddie LaRouso		X	
Mara Grant		X	
Persons of Color			
Steven Albarado	X		
Synodical Women's Organization			
Sue Saarem		X	
Other Specialized Ministries/ Attendees			
Kairos Rep. Tom Jolivette			
Kairos Rep. Kristen			

**Meeting Called to Order and Devotions**

Rev. Russ Leeper led opening devotions and prayer. Magge Ericsson will do devotions at next meeting on February 4. The September 18, 2016 business meeting of the NWSynod of WI council was called to order by Vice President, Lynn Fering.

### **Approval of Agenda**

SC16.09.01 A motion was made to approve agenda as presented. MSC Marilyn Crossfield, Bob Giese.

### **Ice Breaker**

Vice President Lynn Fering welcomed the gathered council, and invited guests Tom and Kristin from Karios and Associates.

### **Approval of Minutes**

SC16.09.04 A motion to approve minutes of the 2016 Synod Assembly. Approved. MSC Kim Patterson, Ed Peters.

### **Staff Reports**

Written report submitted: **Rev Greg Kauffman**

Written report submitted: **Rev John Sutherland**

Update:

- Malawi: Synod contribution to Famine Relief - \$110,000. Thank you! If rains come, famine will ease. If not, campaign will ramp up once again. 2016 Pastors academy, wonderful. Mission trips for youth in 2017 will depend on funding. Chaperones Laura Ramlow, and Alan Buresh are in place.
  - Nathan Dugan at Nov 5 stewardship event. John would like to see as many of our synod leaders as possible. Young adults free, couples fee, \$25. Mission Investment Fund.
  - Holy Cow consultant training opportunity for John, \$250 fee which would be of great benefit to updating current mobility processes.
- Synod Mobility: 12 openings, 4 part time.

Written report submitted: **Rev Laurie Skow-Anderson**

Update: \$50,000 renewal grant money available.

- Walking Together date - March 18, 2017.
- Congregation/Leader Renewal material provided council.

Written report submitted: **Bishop Rick Hoyme**

Update: Synod mobility - 12 full time, 4 part time openings.

- Bishop Rick, John Sutherland invited by Malawi Bishop Vumbay in February to see the feeding station developed through NWSWI support.

-Walking Together is done at present done at a significant cost to synod budget. Seifert Foundation grant applications have been written by Assistants Greg, John, and Laurie for funding.

-New Roster Designation: Church wide assembly adopted new designation grouping associates of ministry, diaconal ministers, and deacons all under the designation of deacon.

### **Treasurer's Report**

SC16.09.05 Treasurer's report presented. A motion was to approve. MSC Bob Giese, Marilyn Crossfield. Approved.

## **Old Business**

### **A. Report from Kairos, Associates**

#### **- Presentation made to council on Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Kairos and Associates has been hired to execute a capitol appeal campaign for the benefit of future synod ministry operations. With this meeting, the campaign begins. **Bold Generosity: Intentional. Inspired. Impactful.** This visit gets council up to speed on campaign strategies, sharing a time table, council invited to make the first commitments to the 3 year campaign. Early draft of promotional brochure provide.

Kairos is prepping promotional materials to reach individuals, congregations and foundations. Goal is to raise \$300,000 in this area of large gifts, \$500,000 from congregations. Council was provided a 2016-2017 strategic campaign timeline.

## **New Business**

SC16.09.07 A motion was made to approve personnel changes as presented. MSC Sarah Semmler-Smith, Marilyn Crossfield. Approved.

SC16.09.08 A motion was made to make the Meridean Gift available to new mission starts and congregational renewal grants. MSC Bob Giese, Sarah Semmler-Smith. Approved.

SC16.09.09 A motion was made to give \$5,000 a year to Chicken Coop Ministry for the next three years as part of the CUD(Congregation Under Development Grant). MSC Russ Leeper, Steve Alborado. Approved.

SC16.09.10 A motion was made to approve Synod Constitution Non Required Provision Changes except 71101 and S8.55. MSC Michelle Pride, Dan Rosien. Approved.

SC16.09.11 A motion was made to approve striking provision 4.C from the NWSWI Guideline on Interim Ministry as presented and re-sequencing the letters following. MSC Dan, John. Approved.

SC16.09.12 A motion was made to strike 'to that paid the previous pastor but also be consistent with synod guidelines' from point 4 of the NWSWI Guideline on Interim Ministry and replaced with 'to be negotiated with the interim pastor and the approval of the synod bishop'. MSC Dan Rosien, Bob Giese. Approved.

## **Reports**

### **A. Women's Organization**

Written report submitted.

### **B. Youth Representative**

No report

## **Closing Prayer**

## **Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev Lori Peper, Synod Council Secretary

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