

NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN
SYNOD COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2018 - 10:00am

LOCATION: Luther Park Bible Camp, Synod Council Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDED	ABSENT	NOTES
Synod Staff			
Bishop Rick Hoyme	X		
Rev Laurie Skow-Anderson	X		
Rev John Sutherland	X		
Rev Greg Kaufman		X	
Liz Bartsch - Administration	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	
Dan Rosien		X	
Chippewa Valley Conference			
Michelle Pride		X	
Rev Lucy Schottelkorb		X	
Tim Fehr		X	
Dairyland Conference			
Rev Rolf Morck		X	
Ed Johnson		X	
Kathy Boe		X	
Heart of the North Conference			
Ed Peters		X	
Rev Heather Kistner		X	
Karyn Hullinger		X	

COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDED	ABSENT	NOTES
Lake Superior Conference			
Rev Paul Simmons		X	
Thomas Potterton		X	
Maggie Ericson		X	
St Croix Valley Conference			
Rev Erin Nelson	X		
Ralph Van Keulen		X	
Phyllis Beastrom	X		
Youth Representatives			
Lexi Fortin		X	
Dominic Caroon		X	
Persons of Color			
Steven Albarado	X		
Synodical Women's Organization			
Sue Saraam			
Other Specialized Ministries/ Attendees			
Laura Ramlow, Synod Communicator		X	

Business meeting Called to Order and Devotions

The February 24, 2018 business meeting of the NWSynod of WI synod council was called to order by Vice President, Lynn Ferring. Welcome and introductions made around the table. Rev John Sutherland led opening devotions. Do we

have a fear of silence? And, yet we remember Psalm 46:10 - "Be still and know that I am God". Can we trust that in the silence is the deep grace of God?

Approval of Agenda

SC18.02.01 A motion was made to approve agenda. MSC Heather Kistner/ Michelle Pride **Approved.**

Approval of Minutes

SC18.02.02 A motion was made to approve the September, 2017 Synod Council meeting minutes. MSC Jenny Nieman/Marilyn Crossfield. **Approved with the following change: Ed Peters was absent, not present.**

Staff Reports

Written report submitted. Rev Greg Kauffman

Written report submitted. Rev John Sutherland

Candidacy - 27 in process. ELCA's Fund for leaders can help with scholarships. Initial \$900 for psych eval and background check is an expensive upfront cost that challenges many. Note: Registration for candidacy happens through congregational pastors. As a new synod bishop is elected in June, John's successor will need to address changes in ELCM leadership.

Written report submitted. Rev Laurie Skow-Anderson

Excitement building around the synod. EPIC, recent church council ministry drew twice expected number of attendees. See Walking Together 2018 insert available on synod website. Still looking for original song submissions - prize money will target mission and outreach. Cross generational events designed and implemented by Rev Laurie and Deacon Laura are available for our churches.

Written report submitted. Bishop Rick Hoyme

Candidacy update. There are 23 pastoral vacancies 23, 6 considered first call vacancies. Conference of Bishops meets next week in Chicago for regional assignment process.

Treasurer's Report

SC18.02.03 A motion was made to approve treasurer's report and 2018 proposed budget. MSC Erin Nelson/Phyllis Beastrom. **Approved.**

Old Business

A. Capitol Campaign Committee for Disbursements

~ Bishop requested one person from each conference within the synod council to develop and implement mechanism for capitol campaign disbursements. Committee appointed.

B. Bishop Election Committee Report

~ Committee has been working very hard to prepare for successful 2018 bishop election. Winter theological event created a video taped presentation of a 4 bishop panel that discussed the joys and challenges of the office of synod bishop. The video is available for viewing on synod website. Synod Council members asked to sign up to pray before each assembly vote.

New Business

SC18.02.04 A motion was made to approve all personnel changes en block as presented to council. MSC Tim Fehr/Michelle Pride **Approved.**

SC18.02.05 A motion was made to approve Personnel Policy changes as presented. MSC Ed Johnson/Erin Nelson. **Approved.**

SC18.02.06 A motion was made to approve 2019 Salary Standards as presented. MSC Phyllis Beastrom/Steve Albarado **Approved.**

SC18.02.07 A motion was made to approve a recommendation that all Resolutions/Memorials be deferred to 2019 Synod Assembly due to bishop election. However, any resolutions/memorials that need to be addressed at the 2018 Assembly must be submitted to synod office by close of business on March 5, 2018. MSC Erin Nelson/Rolf Morck **Approved.**

SC18.02.08 A motion was made for the 2018 Synod Assembly Worship offering to "Malawi Pastor Academy". MSC Michelle Pride/Lucy Schottelkorb **Approved.**

SC18.02.09 A motion was made to approve the Endowment Committee Recommendations as presented. MSC Marilyn Crossfield/Ed Johnson **Approved.**

Reports

A. Evangelical Mission Commission

No report

B. Evangelical Leadership Commission

No report

C. Women's Organization

Phyllis Beastron reported that the Women's Convention will be held - April 20-21.

D. Youth Representatives

No Report

SC18.02.10 A motion was made to adjourn synod council meeting. MSC
Michelle Pride/Tim Fehr

Closing Prayer

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev Lori Peper, Synod Council Secretary