

SYNOD EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Synod Office – January 13, 2007

PARTICIPANTS:

Bishop:	Elaine Sauer
Vice Chairperson:	Brian Lorch
Secretary:	Carol Janke
Treasurer:	Don Martin

1. **Opening Devotions** - Bishop Elaine opened with devotions and prayer.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

MSC Ex-Jan-07-01 *that the December 15, 2007 Executive Minutes be adopted.*

3. **Business Arising**

- (a) The synod executive reviewed the bylaws of the Foundation for Mission and Ministry in regards to election and appointments of directors. At the August meeting of the Foundation, Bishop Elaine was elected to replace an end of term directorship. The Synod Council Executive will present names to the Board of Directors who will appoint one person to complete the term of retired Bishop Richard Smith, whose term ends in 2008. The Board may also present names of possible directors. A meeting of the Board of Directors is set for March 2007 at which time an appointment will be made. Vice Chair, Ms. Brita Chell, will chair the meeting until a chair is elected from within the board.
- (b) That we direct staff to create a corporate email address to be used for communication distribution. It should also be used as the primary contact address on the website.

4. **Reports**

- (a) **Bishop:** Bishop Elaine is working with the vacancies and continuing to work on the package for the Multiplying Ministries program.
- (b) **Treasurer:** Report received as printed. Final year end figures are not complete. We are awaiting receipts from congregations.
- (c) **Secretary** – no report.

5. Items for Information

- (a) Sexual Abuse Policy – Bishop Elaine is seeking potential appointments for Pastoral Care Support person(s) to fulfill the requirements of this policy. Also Bishop Elaine will ensure all pastors sign off on this policy.
- (b) National Synodical Consultation: March 17-18 at St. Benedicts. Synod Executive will be attending.
- (c) LUM – Bishop Elaine will ask for the LUM budget for the January council meeting.

6. Items for Decision

- (a) Draft Revised Budget - Don Martin reviewed the draft budget, providing information on items of interest; answering questions that arose. No changes are required and this is the budget to be presented to Council.
- (b) Synod Council Agenda Logistics - We reviewed the Agenda for the 66th Meeting of the MNO Synod Council, and made appropriate revisions.
- (c) Next Meeting - Synod Executive will meet on January 25th at 5pm at Messiah Lutheran Church

7. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Janke, Secretary