



Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
March 13, 2009
MNO Synod Office**

PARTICIPANTS:	Bishop:	Elaine Sauer
	Vice Chair:	Brian Lorch
	Secretary:	Carol Janke
	Treasurer:	Allan Francis

The opening devotions and prayer were led by the Treasurer and Vice Chair.

MSC EX-March-09-01 **that the minutes of the December 29th, 2008 meeting be adopted.**

MSC EX-March-09-02 **that the minutes of the E-meeting of February 6th, 2009 be adopted.**

Business Arising:

1. (a.) Report of the Bishop:
Bishop Elaine gave updates on the numerous call processes, visioning, and upcoming events that are happening in the synod.

- (b.) Report of the Secretary:
 - St. John's Grahamdale, to be removed from the congregational roster due to congregational vote, effective, March 3, 2009.
 - Terri Ann Mattiasson newly installed at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Selkirk be added to the roster.
 - Sabine Milewski, newly installed at St. John's Evangelical, Winnipeg, be added to the roster.
 - Art Lechnitz be removed from the roster due to death.

- (c.) Report of the Treasurer;
 - The Treasurer gave updates in the following areas:
 - Financial Statements
 - Synod Foundation for Mission/Ministry
 - Congregation Executives Workshop
 - Charitable status for congregations issues
 - Other Synod's equity policies.

Items for discussion:

Approval of Ordinand: After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we would seek further information from the seminary before reaching a decision.

Committee Appointments:

That the following correction be noted: Ms. Joanne Stewart was appointed by the Executive in October of 2008 to the Committee for Worship and the Arts. This appointment is for a term ending in 2010 and not for the term 2008-2012, as previously written.

MSC EX-March-09-03 **that Scott Janke be appointed to the Committee for Theological Education and Leadership effective upon his resignation from the Youth Committee. This term to run until 2012.**

Policy Development

The major gifts discussion was deferred.

“Spouse of Bishop” Travel Policy

Discussion was had regarding “Spouse of Bishop “ travel. Brian will do some further work on this.

Foundation Grant Application Publicity.

Brian will prepare publicity materials to be submitted for *Crossword*.

Communication re 2008 Year End Financial Position

When we receive the 2008 Audited Financial Statements, they along with the 2009 Audited Financial Statements and 2009 Budget will be put on the website. An announcement of same with a link will be put on *Crossword*.

November Council Meeting

Due to the date of the LTS Board Meetings our November meeting will be held on November 5th and 6th, 2009 at Laureate’s Landing.

Next Meeting date: May 8th, at 1:00 pm.

Carol Janke, Secretary