



**MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
Monday – June 27th, 2011
MNO Synod Office**

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

1. **Bishop Elaine opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.**
2. **The agenda was approved.**
3. **Reports:**

Bishop: Bishop Elaine reported on congregational updates, call processes within the synod, the Professional Leader's Study Conference and the Staff Summer Retreat.

Secretary: Bishop (ret.) Don Sjoberg, retired, transferred to the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Jim Vickers, NORD to Erickson Lutheran Church, Erickson and Christ Lutheran Church, Waldersee.

Treasurer: We reviewed the April statements. The May statements will be produced after the postal service disruption has ended.

4. Old Business:

- 4.1 **Fundraising Policy:** Brian Lorch is following up with Wayne Schultz, Luther Village chair, on the implications of the proposed fund raising policy.

- 4.2 Plans for Restricted Funds: We discussed plans for disbursements of restricted funds.
- 4.3 Update on LTS: The Seminary Board has received the Synod Council Motion **MSC SC 2011-23** ¹ and has acted on this recommendation. The chair of the Board will report to Synod Council at our November 2011 meeting.
- 4.4 Missional Direction Action Plan: These directions were introduced to the chairs of all synod committees and boards at their May 11, 2011 meeting.

5. New Business

- 5.1 ELCIC Structural Renewal Implementation Teams: Provisional plans for the creation of a joint MNO-SK Synod restructuring implementation task force were discussed. No action will be taken until the outcome of voting at the National Convention in July is known.
- 5.2 Eligibility rules for Officers/Directors: CRA has given charitable organizations new guidelines for eligibility of officers and directors. We will be implementing these at the next Synod Council meeting.

6. In Camera Session

7. Date for next meeting: September 1st, 2011 at 2 pm at the Synod Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Janke, Secretary.

¹ that MNO Synod Council and MNO representatives to the LTS board members request that the seminary administration provide for facilitated conversation with delegates to the 2011 National Convention. The purpose of this conversation is to seek to improve the relationship between seminary and congregations.