



MINUTES

69th MEETING OF MNO SYNOD COUNCIL

April 24, 2008

Dauphin First United Church, Dauphin MB

Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

PARTICIPANTS

Officers:

Bishop Elaine Sauer

Brian Lorch – Vice Chairperson

Carol Janke - Secretary

Staff:

Debbie Beyer – Executive Assistant

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Coordinator

Council Members:

Ken Schmidt - Westman

Larry Skoglund - Agassiz

Marilyn Grimeau – Aurora

Audrey Miller – Brokenhead (*C-TEL*)

Ernie Dojack – Cambrian (*Worship & the Arts*)

Faye Goranson – Interlake (*Church & Society*)

Wayne Schultz – Metro (*Luther Village*)

Trudy Thorarinson – At Large (*Christian Ed.*)

Michael Kurtz – At Large (*Mission*)

Brian Keffer – At Large (*Youth*)

1. Opening Prayer – Bishop Elaine

2. Approval of Agenda

MSC	SC 69-08-01	that we adopt the amended Agenda.
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3. Approval of Minutes

MSC	SC 69-08-02	that we approve the Synod Executive minutes of February 20th, 2008.
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MSC	SC 69-08-03	that we approve the Synod Council minutes of January – February 2008.
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MSC	SC 69-08-04	that Jane Zinken be moved from Temporarily Without Call to On Leave from Call First Year as of May 31st, 2008.
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MSC	SC 69-08-05	that Ryan Anderson be moved from Temporarily Without Call to On Leave from Call First Year as of May 31st, 2008.
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4. Committee Appointments

MSC	SC 69-08-06	that we appoint Rev. Lanny Knutson and Elaine Dehn to the Committee for Christian Education.
MSC	SC 69-08-07	that we appoint Herman Yaeger to the Committee for Church and Society.
MSC	SC 69-08-08	that we appoint Randy Loeb, Rev. Stacy Moroz, Kelly Speak, and David Stewart to the Committee for Mission, with Kelly Speak to be given the two-year term.
MSC	SC 69-08-09	that we appoint Ruth Lee, Beverly Wahl, and Sandra Herbst-Luedtke to the Committee for Theological Education and Leadership.
MSC	SC 69-08-10	that we appoint Rev. Kolleen Karlowsky-Clark and Karen Jackson to the Committee for Worship and the Arts.
MSC	SC 69-08-11	that we appoint Rev. Bruce Gelhorn, Carey Buss, and Christian Robson to the Committee for Youth Ministry.
MSC	SC 69-08-12	that we appoint Chris Buffie to replace Sabrina Buffie on the Foundation Grants Dispersal Committee.

5. We reviewed the Financial Statements; we are in the same place that we usually are at this time of year. March was a very good month with receipts up 5% from this time last year.

6. Adoption of Audited 2007 Statements

MSC	SC 69-08-13	that we adopt the Audited 2007 Year End Statements.
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7. Recommendation regarding 2010 Synod Convention:

MSC **SC 69-08-14** **that we designate April 22nd – April 25th, 2010 as the dates for the 13th MNO Synod Convention.**

MSC **SC 69-08-15** **that the MNO Synod Convention registration fees for Rev. Paul Sodtke be covered by the synod.**

8. Review of Convention Agenda: It was agreed that we would change and/or add the following:

- We will have Sunday morning breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church instead of a continental breakfast at the Canway Inn.
- Sitting Two Elections: add voting for LTS Board of Governors.
- We add a coffee break in the Saturday afternoon session
- Sitting One: Change the order of the constitutional amendments by having the presentation of the second reading of the constitutional amendments with the vote following immediately, so that the Youth Assembly and our Anglican colleagues will have the vote at this convention. We will then have “first reading of constitutional amendments overview” and then vote on same at Sitting Three before the break.

9. Nomination for Treasurer

MSC **SC 69-08-16** **that we nominate Allan Francis as the Treasurer for the MNO Synod for election at the 12th Biennial MNO Synod Convention.**

10. Convention Contingency Planning: If there is time on the Friday evening we propose we have a conversation around convention renewal. The idea would be to break into small groups and assign council members to lead discussions, using a few prepared questions. (eg. Do we really need to spend the money we do to conduct our business? Is it more important to build in a renewal event?)

11. Convention Opening Worship:

MSC **SC 69-08-17** **that we designate the Convention Opening Worship Offering to Financial Aid for Seminarians.**

MSC **SC 69-08-18** **that we designate the honorarium for Rev. Gunther Kern’s 40th Anniversary of Ordination to Lutheran Urban Ministry.**

Carol Janke closed the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Janke, Secretary