



MNO SYNOD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES
January 14th, 2010 - 7 pm
MNO Synod Office

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

1. Bishop Elaine opened our meeting with prayer.
2. The agenda was approved with additions.
3. Business Arising from November 2009 Council Meeting not elsewhere on the agenda: None.
4. Reports:
 - 4.1 Bishop: Reported on that status of call processes and congregation situations.
 - 4.2 Secretary: The following roster changes noted:
 Erwin Toppel from Saskatchewan Synod to Grace Ashern, and Peace, Moosehorn.
 Cathy Giroux from ACC to ELCIC.
 - 4.3 Treasurer: There are no year-end statements to review as yet. Benevolence for 2009 is still coming in and we should know by next week what the final amounts will be. There was discussion regarding a new funding model for the Professional Leader's Retreat, and have come up with a proposal to bring to Synod Council in March.
5. Policy Matters:
 - 5.1 Foundation Grants Criteria/Application Process: Synod Executive has begun the process of reviewing the Synod Foundation Grant Policy and will bring a report to the March council meeting.

- 5.2 By-law Amendments: Brian is preparing the packages to go in the convention docket.
 - 5.3 Synod Staff Salary Policy: Allan will review other synod's policies and draft a proposal to bring to the March Synod Council meeting.
6. Other Items for Decision/Discussion
- 6.1 Appointments:
 - 6.1.1 Synod Ecumenical Officer: The Bishop will approach possible candidates.
 - 6.1.2 Luther Village Board: we are still awaiting Luther Village's proposed nominees. An e-meeting will be held to appoint them.
 - 6.2 NCC Task Force on Structural Renewal Update:
Allan reported that this committee has met and will meet again in February. Their report will come to Synod Convention.
 - 6.3 Update on Cameroon Mission Trip:
The budget for the trip will include premiums for Kidnap and Ransom Insurance.
 - 6.4 Synod Convention 2010:
 - 6.4.1 Rick Scherger is preparing a template to assist committees preparing AV presentations for convention.
 - 6.4.2 The time allotment for the National Bishop will be 30 minutes.
 - 6.4.3 Partner's Reports: Faith Life Financial is invited to submit a written report.
 - 6.4.4 February 15th is the due date for all reports. They are to be forwarded to Debbie Beyer, Executive Assistant.
 - 6.5 Orientation for New Committee Chairs: Staff will take responsibility for organizing this.
 - 6.6 Plans for March Council meeting: deferred to the February Executive meeting.

- 6.7 Other Business:
 - 6.7.1 Loans to Synod: We discussed the idea of borrowing money from the Foundation to pay the synod car loan.
 - 6.7.2 Foundation By-law Review: Allan gave us a summary of proposed changes to the Foundation by-laws.
- 7. Date for next meeting: February 4th, @ 7 pm. at the Synod Office.
- 8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Carol Janke, Secretary