

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Thursday, June 1, 2017

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at the Gateway Conference Center in Collinsville, Illinois on June 1, 2017 with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth	Pastor Gary Ryden	Mr. Larry Saler
Pastor Pam Mitcham	Pastor Robert Rasmus	Mr. Terry Goff
Mr. Ken Finkle	Pastor John Rothfus	Mr. Henry Harms
Ms. Carey Mayer	Pastor Glen VanderKloot	Ms. Kim Alberts
	Pastor James Davis	Mr. Steven Rapp
	Pastor Scott Egbers	Mr. Donald Swan
		Ms. Deanne Holshouser
		Ms. Debbie Peterson
		Mr. Broden Wileman
		Mr. Mathew Spencer

Absent:

Ms. Tiana Montgomery Ms. Helen Pagel, Deacon

Staff Present:

Pastor Bob Dealey Pastor James Reents

Visitors Present:

Pastor Wyvetta Bullock – ELCA Churchwide Representative
Mr. Vernon Neal – ELCA Church Council member

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Pastor Bob Dealey led opening devotions. Vice-President Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:38am.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC17.06.01 Moved and seconded to approve the Synod Council Agenda with several additions to the consent agenda.

Bishop's Report (written report submitted)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
 - Pastor Jim Reents (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)
- Director for Evangelical Mission Report
 - Pastor Bob Dealey (written report submitted)

Vice-President's Report – plans are in place for the Synod Assembly.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of the Executive Committee, March 17, 2017 were received.
- Minutes of the Synod Council, March 18, 2017

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC17.06.02 Executive Committee recommends the approval of the minutes of the Synod Council, March 18, 2017.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ken Finkle - written report submitted

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC17.06.03 Executive Committee recommends to Synod Council the approval of the Consent Agenda.

- A. Letter of Call Renewal
 - 1. Ms. Diane Runyan, Deacon, Non-Stipendiary, Word and Service, Faith Lutheran Church, O'Fallon
- B. Approval of Retirement Status
 - 1. none
- C. Approval of On Leave From Call Status
 - 1. Deacon Susan Friesen, Year 3, effective July 1, 2017
 - 2. Pastor Julia Rademacher, Year 1, effective June 23, 2017
 - 3. Pastor David Bruner, Year 5 of study leave, effective June 29, 2017
- D. Roster Changes by Transfer
 - 1. Transfer Pastor Wendy Popp to the Northern Illinois Synod
 - 2. Transfer Pastor Harold Grafe, retired, to Northern Illinois Synod (LONG A)
 - 3. Transfer Pastor Stefan Munker from the Metro Chicago Synod, accepted a call to St. Paul, Hillsboro
 - 4. Transfer Pastor Cynthia Munker from the Metro Chicago Synod, accepted a call to Mt Zion and Trinity, Litchfield
- E. Constitution Updates
 - 1. St. John's Lutheran Church, Bluff Springs
 - 2. Grace Lutheran Church, Virginia
- F. Conference Reports
 - 1. East Central, Pastor Robert Rasmus
 - 2. Northern Conference, Pastor John Rothfusz
 - 3. Northeast Conference, Pastor James Davis
 - 4. Northwest Conference, Pastor Scott Egbers, Interim Dean
 - 5. Southern Conference, Pastor Gary Ryden, Interim Dean
 - 6. West Central Conference, Pastor Glen VanderKloot

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- C. Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee
 - Pastor Jim Davis reported that forums are planned for the Assembly. He also mentioned that the Servants United Parish is planning a pilot project study lifting up the idea of stewardship as our response to our generous God.
- D. Global Mission Committee
- E. Professional and Lay Leadership Committee
 - Synodically Authorized Ministry Subcommittee
 - Candidacy Subcommittee
 - Leadership Support Subcommittee

Finance Committee Report - Pastor John Rothfusz

Old Business

- A. Follow-up report of the C/SIS Working Group for “Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA” - written report submitted
- B. Follow-up on congregations disbanded
 - 1. Union, Gila - no new information
 - 2. Trinity, Alton (awaiting sale of property) – There is now a group of people worshipping in the building.
- C. Follow-up on Trinity, Kankakee – included in Bishop's report

New Business

- A. Three or four questions to be asked of Bishop Nominees

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC17.06.04 Moved and seconded that three questions may be asked of Bishop Nominees.

- B. Continuation of

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC17.06.05 Moved and seconded that the synod employ a replacement for the office manager 60 days prior to her departure, and that the personnel committee would start by the end of June to review the job description.

Other Business

- A. Thanks to Pastor Bob Dealey for his service to our synod congregations
- B. Thanks to retiring Synod Council members.
 - Mr. Broden Wileman, youth representative
 - Pastor John Rothfusz, Northern Conference Dean
 - Pastor Scott Egbers, Interim Dean (now elected) Northwest Conference Dean
 - Pastor Gary Ryden, Interim Dean, Southern Conference
 - Mr. Steve Rapp, member at-large
 - Ms. Tiana Montgomery, East Central Conference Representative
 - Deacon Helen Page, Northwest Conference Representative
- C. Next Council meeting, Saturday, September 16, 2017, 8:30 am at the Chiara Center, Springfield, Illinois.

Announcements / Adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC17.06.05 Moved and Seconded that Synod Council adjourn.

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. Pastor Bob Dealey offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Pam Mitcham, Secretary