

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Saturday, March 19, 2022

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met by zoom on Saturday, March 19, 2022, with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth	Pastor Richard Hertenstein	Mr. Bill Hartley
Mr. Ken Finkle	Pastor Peter Hinrich	Ms. Paula Hasty
Ms. Carey Mayer	Pastor Linda Strader	Mr. David Miller
Pr. Christine McNeal	Pastor Marlin Otte	Mr. Steve Mitze
	Pastor Amy Zietlow	Mr. Austin Byer
		Young Adult Representative
		Ms. Jolyn Allison
		Youth Representative
		Ms. Cheryl Predmore

Absent:

Pastor Greg Busboom
Ms. Cynthia Davis
Mr. Mark Harms
Ms. Doreen Klages
Ms. Marcia
McGaughey

Staff Present:

Pastor Elise Rothfusz	Ms. Laura Lee
Pastor Ken Sandlin	
Pastor Maureen Stein	
Pastor Ken Tegtmeier	

Visitors Present: None

Opening Prayer

Vice-President Carey Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Pastor Richard Hertenstein led Dwelling in the Word.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.03.01 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda with provision for the chair to change the order as needed.

Bishop's Report (written report submitted)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
 - Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Ken Tegtmeier (written report submitted)
- Director for Evangelical Mission Report
 - Pastor Elise Rothfusz (written report submitted)

Vice-President's Report

Secretary's Report

- Received minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, January 14, 2022
- Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, January 15, 2022

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.03.02 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, January 15, 2022.

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.03.03 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council set the following items A through D as the Consent Agenda

A. Constitution Updates Approved

1. St. Petri Lutheran Church, Flanagan
2. St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Wyoming

B. Approval of Retirement Status

1. Pastor Pam Mitcham, effective May 1, 2022

C. Approval of On Leave from Call

1. Pastor Tony Metz, effective February 15, 2022, yr. 1
2. Pastor David Castner, effective March 20, 2022, yr. 2
3. Pastor Becky Swanson, effective March 13, 2022, yr. 1
4. Pastor Tom Hillertz, effective April 1, 2022, yr. 3

D. Receive Roster Changes

1. Transfer Out: Pastor Amy Berger to the Delaware-Maryland Synod, effective March 10, 2022
2. Transfer Out: Pastor Mathew Berger to the Delaware-Maryland Synod, effective March 10, 2022
3. Transfer In: Pastor Lisa Dietrich from Northeastern Iowa Synod, called as pastor to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Peoria, effective April 1, 2022
4. Removal. Amy Thoren has chosen not to request On-Leave-From-Call status, thus resulting in her name being removed from the roster of ministers of the ELCA.

Greeting and “thank you” from Victoria Flood, Director for Mission Support of the ELCA

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ken Finkle

- Financial Update - (written report submitted)

Old Business

A. Follow-up on congregations disbanded

1. Kankakee – Final Sale of Property

New Business

A. Adoption of Proposed 2023 Synod Budget

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.03.04 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council accept proposed 2023 Synod Budget to go before Synod Assembly for approval.

B. Approval of 2023 Ministry Compensation Guidelines

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.03.05 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the 2023 Ministry Compensation Guidelines, separating out discussion of Pulpit Supply Guidelines

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.03.06 Mr. Bill Hartley moved that the Pulpit Supply Guidelines be sent back to the committee with questions posed by the Synod Council and that a revised proposal be considered at the June Synod Council meeting. Pastor Amy Zietlow seconded the motion.

C. Appoint Ms. Doris Robinson as ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting member to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Natalie Seaman

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.03.07 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council appoint Ms. Doris Robinson as ELCA Churchwide Assembly voting member to fill the seat vacated by Ms. Natalie Seaman

D. Grant authorization to fund the participation of Pastor Youngshim Pitcher in the ELCA Systems Academy

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.03.08 Executive Committee recommends authorization of funds for the participation of Pastor Youngshim Pitcher in the ELCA Systems Academy.

Conference Reports

- A. East Central Conference, Pastor Amy Zietlow
- B. Northern Conference, Pastor Linda Strader
- C. Northeast Conference, Pastor Peter Hinrich
- D. Northwest Conference, Pastor Richard Hertenstein
- E. Southern Conference, Pastor Marlin Otte
- F. West Central Conference, Pastor Greg Busboom

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- C. Mission Support, Stewardship and Education Committee
- D. Global Mission Committee
- E. Adult Faith Formation Committee
- F. Candidacy Committee
- G. Leadership Support Committee
- H. Anti-Racism Working Group

Other Business

Announcements / adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.03.09 Moved and seconded to adjourn.

- A. Session 1 of Synod Assembly – 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022, Online (sign in at 8 a.m.)
- B. Visioning Meeting – 8:30 a.m. May 7, 2022, in person at Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield
- C. Next Synod Council Meeting – 8:30 a.m. June 2, 2022, in person at Synod Assembly, I Hotel, Champaign

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. Pastor Richard Hertenstein closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Christine McNeal, Acting Secretary

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Saturday, September 17, 2022

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield, with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth
Ms. Carey Mayer
Pr. Christine McNeal

Pastor Greg Busboom
Pastor Richard Hertenstein
Pastor Peter Hinrich
Pastor Marlin Otte
Pastor John Rothfusz

Mr. Bill Hartley
Ms. Paula Hasty
Mr. David Miller
Ms. Doreen Klages
Ms. Cheryl Predmore
Dr. Eileen Setti
Ms. Jean Welch

Absent:

Mr. Ken Finkle
Ms. Jolyn Allison
Mr. Austin Byer
Ms. Cynthia Davis
Mr. Mark Harms
Mr. Steve Mitze
Pastor Amy Zietlow

Staff Present:

Pastor Elise Rothfusz
Pastor Ken Sandlin
Pastor Maureen Stein
Pastor Ken Tegtmeier

Ms. Laura Lee

Visitors Present: None

Call to order

Vice President Carey Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Marlin Otte led Dwelling in the Word.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: **Motion carried.**

SC22.09.01 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda with provision for the chair to change the order as needed.

Introductions

Council members briefly introduced themselves.

New Council Member Installation

Bishop Roth installed new officers and council members.

Council Orientation

Council members were given the Synod Council Handbook. The Synod map was projected and pointed out in the book as well. Also highlighted were the officer duties, individual committees, and other functions of the C/SIS.

Bishop's Report (written report submitted)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
 - Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Ken Tegtmeier (written report submitted)
- Director for Evangelical Mission Report
 - Pastor Elise Rothfusz (written report submitted)

Vice-President's Report

Vice President Carey Mayer reported from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Secretary's Report

- Received minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, June 1, 2022
- Minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, June 2, 2022

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.09.02 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, June 2, 2022.

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.09.03 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council set the following items A through D as the Consent Agenda

- A. Constitution Updates Approved
 - 1. Our Lord's Lutheran Church, Maryville
 - 2. Christ Lutheran Church, Monticello
- B. Approval of Retirement Status
 - 1. Pastor Jim Davis, effective July 1, 2022
- C. Approval of On Leave from Call (Study)
 - 1. Pastor Jennifer Hartweg-Brown, effective September 1, 2022, yr. 1
- D. Receive Roster Changes
 - 1. Transfer out: Pastor Benjamin Stewart to the Northeastern Minnesota Synod
 - 2. Transfer in: Pastor Nathan Feig from Northern IL Synod, OLC status effective, May 28, 2022, yr. 2; roster change effective August 17, 2022
 - 3. Transfer in: Pastor Cinda Brucker from Upper Susquehanna Synod, Retired status, effective August 31, 2022
 - 4. Transfer in: Pastor Richard Likeness from Northern Great Lakes Synod, Called as Pastor at Servants United Parish, starting Sept. 12, 2022
 - 5. Installation, Pastor Linda Strader as pastor of Outreach and Discipleship, St. John Lutheran Church, Springfield, September 3, 2022
 - 6. Installation, Pastor Richard Likeness as Pastor at Servants United Parish, American Lutheran Church, Gibson City, September 18, 2022

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ken Finkle

- Financial Update - (written report submitted)

Old Business

New Business

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.04 Moved and seconded to recommend that Synod Council accept the proposed 2023 Synod Assembly schedule and election procedures with two date changes. Those are March 25 instead of March 23, and March 31 instead of March 29. In 2023 the Synod will elect a Bishop.

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.05 Moved and seconded to recommend that Synod Council approve the disaffiliation from ELCA of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Arenzville effective September 17, 2022; second vote to disaffiliate passed on July 12, 2022

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.06 Moved and seconded to recommend that Synod Council Call to interim ministry of Pastor David Castner with the Servants United Parish.

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.07 Moved and seconded to approve amendments to the Constitution for Synods arising from the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly with the following changes:

1. S7.14 to be amended to read, **“One-half (1/2) of members of the Synod Assembly who are registered and signed in for the Synod Assembly shall constitute a quorum.”**
2. S8.42. **Not adopt this recommended amendment.**

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.08 Moved and seconded to approve appointments to Synod Council Executive Committee including Bishop S. John Roth; Ms. Carey Mayer, Vice President; Pastor Christine McNeal, Synod Secretary; Mr. Ken Finkle, Synod Treasurer; Pastor Amy Zietlow, Dean, East Central Conference; Mr. Bill Hartley; and Ms. Doreen Klages.

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.09 Moved and seconded to approve appointments to Synod Council Finance Committee including Mr. Ken Finkle, Ms. Jolyn Allison, Mr. Austin Byer, Pastor Greg Busboom, Mr. Bill Hartley, Pastor Marlin Otte, Ms. Cheryl Predmore; Pastor John Rothfusz, ex-officio.

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.10 Moved and seconded to approve appointments to Synod Council Committee Liaisons:

- a. Adult Faith Formation Committee – Mr. David Miller, Ms. Paula Hasty
- b. Candidacy Committee – Pastor Marlin Otte
- c. Global Mission Committee – Dr. Eileen Setti
- d. Leadership Support Committee – Pastor Richard Hertenstein
- e. Mission Support and Stewardship Education Committee – Mr. Mark Harms
- f. New and Renewing Congregations Committee – Ms. Jean Welch, Pastor Pete Hinrich
- g. Social Ministry, Justice, and Advocacy Committee – Ms. Cynthia Davis

Conference Reports

- A. East Central Conference, Pastor Amy Zietlow
- B. Northern Conference, Pastor Linda Strader
- C. Northeast Conference, Pastor Peter Hinrich
- D. Northwest Conference, Pastor Richard Hertenstein
- E. Southern Conference, Pastor Marlin Otte
- F. West Central Conference, Pastor Greg Busboom

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- C. Mission Support, Stewardship and Education Committee
- D. Global Mission Committee
- E. Adult Faith Formation Committee
- F. Candidacy Committee
- G. Leadership Support Committee
- H. Anti-Racism Working Group

Other Business

- A. Report/Discuss Synod Council movement toward the Synod Council's commitments to anti-racism.

Be the Bridge, Excerpt read: Understanding Begins with the Right Posture. Questions for Reflection and discussion followed:

1. What captures your attention?
2. What questions do you have? What do you wonder?
3. Do you approach conversations of racial reconciliation as if you have all the answers? Do you approach those conversations with a willingness to be corrected? What do you think it looks like for participants to approach those conversations in humility?
4. Where might God's Spirit be nudging us?

A very rich discussion ensued followed by *A Prayer for Humility* from Latasha Morrison:

Lord, we ask that (these) words ... fall on the soil of our hearts.
Come into our brokenness and our lives with your love that heals all.
Consume our pride and replace it with humility and vulnerability.
allow us to make space for your correction and redemption.
Allow us to bow down with humble hearts, hearts of repentance.
Bind us together in true unity and restoration.
May we hear your voice within the words ... (spoken and shared).
Give us collective eyes to see our role
 in repairing what has been broken.
Allow these words to be a conduit for personal transformation
that would lead to collective reproduction.

- B. Discussion of bishop election process as a synod call process

It was noted that Churchwide chairs the Bishop election process. An ELCA toolkit will be available soon. While it is recommended to create an election committee to decide questions and create protocols there is no provision on how to move forward. The synod deans request time at the 2023 Synod Assembly on Thursday for consideration for what the C/SIS is called to be, for a Friday morning question/answer session with the candidates and in breakouts on Friday afternoon. Deans continue to be in conversation about how to create this as a prayerful, Spirit-led

process. It was noted that perhaps some work could be done in Spring Conferences ahead of the assembly. Bishop Roth also noted that because a first vote will be taken in March, some time on the assembly agenda could be applied to a different approach to discerning the election.

VOTED: Motion carried

EC22.09.11 Moved and seconded to empower the Executive Committee to create an Election Committee.

LETTER READ

Bishop Roth shared a letter stating that he is in the final year of his second six-year term and that he will not make himself available for another term in the 2023 election of Bishop at the Synod Assembly. The Bishop will share the letter with pastors at the Fall Theological Conference and with the entire Synod via the Web sometime the following week.

Announcements / adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

EC22.09.12 Moved and seconded to adjourn.

A. C/SIS Visioning meeting 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield.

B. Next Synod Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2023, on Zoom

Having concluded business, Vice President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. Pastor Marlin Otte closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Christine McNeal, Secretary

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA
Saturday, January 21, 2023

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met Saturday, January 21, 2023 via ZOOM, with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth
Mr. Ken Finkle
Pr. Christine McNeal

Pastor Greg Busboom
Pastor Richard Hertenstein
Pastor Peter Hinrich
Pastor Marlin Otte
Pastor John Rothfusz
Pastor Amy Zietlow

Ms. Jolyn Allison
Ms. Cynthia Davis
Mr. Mark Harms
Ms. Paula Hasty
Mr. Bill Hartley
Ms. Doreen Klages
Mr. David Miller
Mr. Steve Mitze
Ms. Cheryl Predmore
Dr. Eileen Setti
Ms. Jean Welch

Absent:

Mr. Austin Byer
Ms. Carey Mayer

Staff Present:

Pastor Elise Rothfusz
Pastor Ken Sandlin
Pastor Maureen Stein
Pastor Ken Tegtmeier

Ms. Laura Lee

Call to order

Bishop S. John Roth called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Dwelling in the Word

Pastor John Rothfusz led Dwelling in the Word.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC23.01.01 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda with provision for the chair to change the order as needed.

Bishop's Report (written report submitted)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
 - Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Ken Tegtmeier (written report submitted)
- Director for Evangelical Mission Report
 - Pastor Elise Rothfusz (written report submitted)

No Vice-President's Report

Secretary's Report

- Received minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, Sept. 16, 2022
- Minutes of the Synod Council meeting, Sept. 17, 2022

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC23.01.02 Executive committee recommends that Synod Council approve the minutes of the Synod Council meeting, Sept. 17, 2022.

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

- SC23.01.03 Executive committee recommends that Synod Council set the following items A through D as the Consent Agenda.
- A. Constitution Updates Approved
 - 1. American Lutheran Church, Gibson City
 - B. Approval of Retirement Status
 - C. Roster Action
 - 1. Disaffiliation of St. John Lutheran Church, Chester (Bremen), effective January 21, 2023.
 - 2. Disaffiliation of Zion Lutheran Church, Walsh, effective January 21, 2023
 - D. Receive Roster Changes
 - 1. Tony Metz, resigned from the roster of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, received and effective December 28, 2022
 - 2. Ordination (Nov. 6, 2022) Brett Gosteli at First English LC, Peoria-called to Luther Memorial LC, Quincy, as pastor
 - 3. Installation (Dec. 4, 2022) Pastor Brett Gosteli at Lutheran Memorial LC, Quincy
 - 4. Ordination (Dec. 10, 2022) Brian Moeller at Faith LC, O'Fallon-called to St. Petri LC, Flanagan, as pastor
 - 5. Installation (Jan. 1, 2023) Pastor Brian Moeller, St. Petri LC, Flanagan
 - 6. Transfer in from East Central Synod of Wisconsin, Pastor Catherine Burnette called to First LC, Beardstown, as pastor
 - 7. Installation (Jan. 15, 2023) Pastor Catherine Burnette, First LC, Beardstown
 - 8. Death of Rev. Gerald Kissell on September 22, 2022
 - 9. Death of Rev. Eimo Hinrichs on October 24, 2022
 - 10. Death of Rev. Lisa Goodwin on January 4, 2023
 - 11. Death of Rev. Albert Weidlich on January 13, 2023

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ken Finkle

- Financial Update - (written report submitted)

Old Business

- A. Follow-up on congregations disbanded: Christ Lutheran Church, Nauvoo. It was reported that the congregation "left a legacy" in final donations through the sale of the property – and that in turn they are grateful for how God's Spirit acted in what was a hopeful ending.

New Business

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.04 Moved and seconded to recommend that Synod Council extend on-leave-from-call status to Pastor Adam Connolly, as granted by the Conference of Bishops on October 1, 2022, with the following suggestion:

The Synod Council recommends your submission of a rostered minister profile and meeting with a spiritual director, bishop, pastor, synod staff member, or coach at least three times. You should provide evidence of dates and times to the bishop - content of meeting is not requested. Lacking these two elements in a year's time, the likelihood that your request will be approved for the second year of additional leave is small.

Pastor Greg Busboom abstained from voting.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.05 Moved and seconded that the Central/Southern Illinois Synod assume administration of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Irving, IL., according to constitutional provision S13.25.

VOTED: Motion carried

EC23.01.06 Moved and seconded to establish the 2023 Synod Assembly Voting Member Criteria (see Continuing Resolution sheet).

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.07 Moved and seconded to approve 2023 Synod Assembly Rules and Procedures.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.08 Moved and seconded to appoint Pastor Marlin Otte and Ms. Cynthia Davis to the Synod Assembly Nominating Committee.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.09 Moved and seconded to appoint Pastor Rick Hertenstein, Ms. Carolyn Bert, Ms. Lynne Culkin, Pastor Craig Swenson and Ms. Carey Mayer to the Reference and Counsel Committee for Synod Assembly.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.10 Moved and seconded to approve of Fair Trade Fair and Equal Exchange booth at the 2023 Synod Assembly.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.11 Moved and seconded for renewal of Synod Council call to non-stipendiary ministry at First English Lutheran Church, Peoria, for Pastor Heather MacIver Arnold. .
Dr. Eileen Setti abstained as a member of First English.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.12 Moved and seconded to approve 2023 housing allowance for Bishop Roth.

VOTED: Motion carried

SC23.01.13 Moved and seconded that the Saturday, February 25 C/SIS Diversity and Inclusion Gathering serve as the Synod Council's spring visioning meeting.

Conference Reports

- A. East Central Conference, Dean, Pastor Amy Zietlow
- B. Northern Conference, Acting Dean Pastor John Rothfusz
- C. Northeast Conference, Dean, Pastor Peter Hinrich
- D. Northwest Conference, Dean, Pastor Richard Hertenstein
- E. Southern Conference, Dean, Pastor Marlin Otte
- F. West Central Conference, Dean, Pastor Greg Busboom

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- C. Mission Support, Stewardship and Education Committee
- D. Global Mission Committee
- E. Adult Faith Formation Committee
- F. Candidacy Committee
- G. Leadership Support Committee
- H. Anti-Racism Working Group

Other Business

- A. Bishop Roth and the Synod Council offered gratitude to Treasurer Ken Finkle for his many years of dedicated service.
- B. Conference deans are in the "process of processing" what to do with the work that came out of both Synod Assembly and the Synod Council's visioning session. They will be in conversation within their conferences.
- C. C/SIS Diversity and Inclusion Gathering, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield
- D. Next Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2023 on Zoom
- E. Next Synod Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023 on Zoom
- F. 2023 Synod Assembly practice session, 4:45 p.m. Thursday, March 23 on Zoom (and live at St. John's, Springfield.)
- G. 2023 Synod Assembly, 9 a.m. Saturday on Zoom.

Announcements / adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

EC22.01.14 Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Having concluded business, Bishop Roth declared the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.
Pastor John Rothfusz closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Christine McNeal, Secretary

SYNOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Central/Southern Illinois Synod, ELCA

Thursday, June 2, 2022

The Synod Council of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod ("C/SIS" or "synod") met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the I Hotel & Conference Center in Champaign, IL, with the following members in attendance:

Present:

Bishop S. John Roth	Pastor Greg Busboom	Ms. Cynthia Davis
Mr. Ken Finkle	Pastor Richard Hertenstein	Mr. Mark Harms
Ms. Carey Mayer	Pastor Peter Hinrich	Mr. Bill Hartley
Pr. Christine McNeal	Pastor Linda Strader	Ms. Doreen Klages
	Pastor Marlin Otte	Mr. David Miller
	Pastor Amy Zietlow	Mr. Steve Mitze
		Ms. Cheryl Predmore

Absent:

Ms. Jolyn Allison
Mr. Austin Byer
Ms. Paula Hasty
Ms. Marcia McGaughey

Staff Present:

Pastor Elise Rothfusz
Pastor Ken Sandlin
Pastor Maureen Stein
Pastor Ken Tegtmeier

Visitors Present:

Pastor Bill Callister,
Churchwide Council

Opening Prayer

Vice-President Carey Mayer called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Pastor Pete Hinrich led Dwelling in the Word.

Approval of Agenda

VOTED: **Motion carried.**

SC22.06.01 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda with provision for the chair to change the order as needed.

Bishop's Report (written report submitted)

- Assistant to the Bishop Reports
 - Pastor Ken Sandlin (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Maureen Stein (written report submitted)
 - Pastor Ken Tegtmeier (written report submitted)
- Director for Evangelical Mission Report
 - Pastor Elise Rothfusz (written report submitted)

Vice-President's Report

Secretary's Report

- Received minutes of the Synod Council Meeting, March 19, 2022
- Received minutes of the Synod Council Visioning Meeting, May 7, 2022

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.06.02 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council approve the minutes of the Synod Council meeting, March 19, 2022 and Synod Council Visioning Meeting May 7, 2022.

Consent Agenda

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.06.03 Executive Committee recommends that Synod Council set the following items A through D as the Consent Agenda

- A. Constitution Updates Approved
 - 1. American Lutheran Church, Bourbonnais
 - 2. St. Paul, Hillsboro
 - 3. Trinity, Fairbury
- B. Approval of Retirement Status
 - 1. Pastor Tom Hillertz, June 3, 2022
 - 2. Pastor Tom Kratzer, June 3, 2022
- C. Approval of On Leave from Call
- D. Receive Roster Changes

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ken Finkle

- Financial Update - (written report submitted)

Old Business

A. 2023 Pulpit Supply Guidelines

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.06.04 Executive Committee recommends that the Synod Council approve the 2023 Pulpit Supply Guidelines as submitted by the Leadership Support Committee.

New Business

A. Dwelling in the Word Ministry

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.06.05 Executive Committee recommends that the Synod Council approve the continuation of Dwelling in the Word Ministry throughout the C/SIS in 2023.

B. Continue Sister Congregation Ministry, integrating Dwelling in the Word Ministry

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.06.06 Executive Committee recommends that the Synod Council approve the continuation of the Sister Congregation Ministry in 2023 with the addition of integrating Dwelling in the Word as part of the relationship between those congregations.

C. Report and Recommendations from the Anti-Racism Working Group

VOTED: Motion carried

SC22.06.07 Be it moved that the Synod Council designate a significant portion of time at the September 17 meeting to training on how to enter a conversation on race. And that in preparation for that meeting, the Synod Council commits to weekly small group gatherings that include Dwelling in the Word and intentional study around the issue of race.

Conference Reports

- A. East Central Conference, Pastor Amy Zietlow
- B. Northern Conference, Pastor Linda Strader
- C. Northeast Conference, Pastor Peter Hinrich
- D. Northwest Conference, Pastor Richard Hertenstein
- E. Southern Conference, Pastor Marlin Otte
- F. West Central Conference, Pastor Greg Busboom

Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. New and Renewing Congregations Committee
- B. Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee
- C. Mission Support, Stewardship and Education Committee
- D. Global Mission Committee
- E. Adult Faith Formation Committee
- F. Candidacy Committee
- G. Leadership Support Committee
- H. Anti-Racism Working Group

Other Business

Announcements / adjournment

VOTED: Motion carried.

SC22.06.08 Moved and seconded to adjourn.

- A. Next Synod Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield.
- B. Next Synod Visioning Meeting proposed date 8:30 a.m. Dec. 3, 2022 location TBD.

Having concluded business, Vice-President Mayer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. Pastor Pete Hinrich closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Christine McNeal, Acting Secretary