

# Synod Council Agenda

## January 25, 2020

**Present:** Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Melissa Peper Firestone, Becky Seibert, Phil Koenig, Rev. Mindy Elliott, Brent Gardner, Cindy Harris, Rev. Ann Marshall, Deb Noll, Rev. Steve Ramsey, Tom Ritter, Rev. Jarrod Schaaf, Michelle Schaffer, Diana Schneider, Rev. Janine Shearer, Rev. Ed Strietelmeier, Christina Wheeler

**Synod Staff:** Jacob Henry, Jennifer Pruefer

**Absent/Excused:** Casey Cox, Cindy Milbry, Jacob Nekoranec, Jari, Knowlton Simard

1. **Opening Devotions and Eucharist** – Led by Bishop Daniel and Rev. Mindy Elliott,
2. **Business Meeting Call to Order** – Led by Vice-President Melissa Peper Firestone
  - a. **Approval of Dec 14 Minutes**  
Found on pages 3-7. Motion To approve Cindy Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christina Wheeler—motion approved  
**Synod Council Phone Meeting 12-5-2020 motion to approve Michelle Schaffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Gardner, motion approved**
  - b. **Review of Executive Committee decisions**  
(available at the meeting)—Review of approved minutes by Council—no questions from Council
3. **Bishop's Report and Teaching Time** – Led by Bishop Daniel—Opened with reading Is 40:28— Interpretation of the Synod Bible study, Review of the Wholeness Wheel (Social Group-Running 900 miles with friends), Emotional Health, Strength Training, Written report and learnings can be found on pages 10-11. Comments about the movie: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood (members shared remembrances), The Bible Project Podcast: Sabbath Series and the Daily Texts to share as a parish. Additional background info on council actions can be found on page 15.
  - a. **Action SC 20.02 On Leave from Call Request**  
“Upon endorsement by the Bishop, Synod Council grants on leave from call statue to Deacon Hannah Demaree and Rev. Clyde Singh, year 1.”  
**Motion to accept Action SC 20.02 made by Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Ritter, motion accepted.**
4. **Vice President's Report** – Led by Melissa Peper Firestone
  - a. Letter to Trinity Bryan  
The draft letter to Trinity Bryan regarding the Churchwide “sanctuary” decision will be circulated and edited. Bishop Daniel and Jacob addressed the letter received and the draft letter. Council will divide into 4 groups and review the letter(s) and how Council will respond to the parish of Trinity Bryan.  
  
Council broke into 4 groups and discussed how to respond to Trinity Bryan then came together and shared each groups reflection. Discussion continued concerning Churchwide discussion.

Teams then met to discuss the response letter and came back with edits. These edits were forwarded to Council for review and discussion. All Teams felt an explanation of how this decision came to be voted upon as it came from the floor of Churchwide Assembly and was not shared beforehand with voting members should be shared with those questioning this statement from Churchwide.

Bishop Daniel will work with Synod Council members and lay to meet with the folks at Trinity Bryan.

**5. Secretary's Report** – Led by Becky Seibert-Nothing new to report

**6. Treasurer's Report** – Led by Phil Koenig/Jacob Henry

Financial Summary and related reports can be found on pages 17-18.

Proposed budget can be found on pages 23-24.

Phil feels that we are pretty good at this point in the year. Cash reserves and available cash is at a good point.

**a. Action SC 20.03** Revised 2020/21 Budget

*\*\*Budget was presented in Dec 2019. The action will be voted on at this meeting.\*\** "Synod Council approves the Revised 2020/21 Budget" **Motion to approve 2020/21 Budget made by Janine Shearer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jarrod Schaaf. Motion approved.**

**7. Administrative Matters** – Led by Synod Administrator Jacob Henry

Additional background info on council actions can be found on page 15.

**a. Action SC 20.04** Continuing Resolution S7.26.A20 to the Constitution

"Synod Council approves continuing resolution S7.26.A20: Worshipping communities duly authorized by the Synod Council under ELCA bylaw 10.01.04 shall be permitted voting members of the Synod Assembly consistent with S7.21." **Motion to approve Action SC 20.04 made by Deb Noll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Gardner. Motion approved**

**b. Action SC 20.05** Continuing Resolution S7.27.A20 to the Constitution

"Synod Council approves continuing resolution S7.27.A20: A minister of word and Sacrament from a church body with which a relationship of full communion exists, who has received an Invitation to Extended Service duly authorized by the Synod Council, shall have privileges of voice and vote at Synod Assemblies consistent with S7.27." **Motion to approve Action SC 20.05 made by Cindy Harris 2<sup>nd</sup> Deb Noll. Motion approved**

**c. Action SC20.06** Global Mission Board Appointment

"Synod Council appoints \_\_ as the council representative for the Global Mission Board." **Council will continue to seek a representative**

*Bishop Daniel shared information concerning NWOS Discipleship Initiative Proposal. (handout) Initial thoughts were shared acknowledging that current things are not working well and encouraging to move forward, wanting to work with children (preschools) and campus ministry discipleship ministry experience. –2-year Pilot Bishop is looking for blessing to go ahead with this Proposal and to present to benefactor.*

**Unanimous Affirmation from Synod Council for NWOS Discipleship Initiative Proposal.**

**d. Action SC20.07**

Synod Council authorizes a transfer of \$17,000 from the Synod Endowment Fund to the Discipleship Initiative Fund. Synod Council also authorizes the disbursement of \$2500 to Redeemer, Toledo; \$2500 to Salem, Toledo; \$1500 to Bible Project

**Motion to approve Action SC20.07 made by Diana Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jarrod Schaaf , motion approved**

**8. For the good of the order** – Led by Vice-President Melissa Peper Firestone

- Jarrod will be meeting Penny Christian LOMO Board
- Brent suggests exit interview with those going off council. Could be helpful for moving forward.

**9. Sending Blessing and Prayer**

**Melissa closed with prayer.**

Respectfully submitted

Becky Seibert  
Synod Council Secretary

