

## **Synod Council Meeting Minutes** **April 30, 2022**

1. **Devotions:** Meeting called to order following devotions by President Mellissa Pepper-Firestone.

Roll Call of those present: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Melissa Peper Firestone, Shea McGrew, Wendy Bauer, Mary Boals, Brent Gardner, Rev. Melanie Haack, Cindy Harris, Deb Noll, Clark Price, Rev. Steve Ramsey, Tom Ritter, Rev. Jarrod Schaaf, Michelle Schaffer, Rodney West-Estell, Jacob Henry, Jennifer Prueter. Not present: Tracey Wright, Casey Cox, Rev. Mindy Elliott, Rev. Chris Hanley, Rev. Robin Owen, Jari Knowlton-Simard

2. **Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2022:**

Motion to approve by Michelle Schaffer, Second by Mary Boals, several small spelling corrections. **Motion approved**

3. **Vice President's Report and Appointments:**

**SC2209 Appointment of Conference Deans:** "At the recommendation of the Bishop, Synod Council appoints the following conference deans: Pastor Adam Sornchai as Dean of the Southeast Conference; and Pastor Mindy Elliot and Pastor Janine Scherer as co-Deans of the Maumee Valley Conference."

**SC22.10 Appointment to the Northern Ohio Candidacy Committee:** "Synod Council appoints Pastor Jennifer Gonsalves (St Paul's Waldo) and Erik Hagen (Trinity Moulton) to the Northern Ohio Candidacy Committee."

**SC22.11 Appointment of Imagining Renewal Microgrant Coaches:** "Synod Council appoints the following individuals to serve as the coaches for the 2022 Imagining Renewal Microgrant process: Becky Seibert, Christine Reasoner, Emily Reasoner, Pastor Dan Gutman, Pastor Sarah Schaaf, Carol Costello, Jacinda Jones, Megan O'Brien, and Calla Gilson."

**SC22.12 Appointment of Audit Committee (Finance Team):** "Synod Council appoints the following individuals to serve on the Audit Committee (also known as the Finance team: Clark Price (for a term ending in 2025) and Jim Deer (for a term ending in 2024)".

Motion to approve Actions SC22.09, 22.10, 22.11, 22.12 en blanc by Cindy Harris, seconded by Tom Ritter. **Motion approved.**

4. **Bishop's Report & Teaching Time: Bishop Daniel** Opened with a Scripture lesson and talked about what it means to be "On the Way!" He asked for the council to share their congregation's tag line similar to the Synod's "On the way!"

The Synod year end ask for Disaster Relief goal of \$100,000 was exceeded. The total raised was \$292,396.40.

We now have thirty-four trained SAMS.

## **5. Roster Actions:**

**SC22.13 On Leave from Call Approvals:** "At the recommendation of the Bishop, Synod Council approves the On Leave from Call status for Pastor Robbie Ketcham (year 1). At the recommendation of the Bishop and the On Leave from Call Review Committee, Synod Council also approves the On Leave from Call status of Pastor Bill Schroeder upon his agreement of the Committee's stipulations which are outlined in the Committee's report."

**Entered Executive Session to further discuss a roster matter.** Moved by Deb Noll, Michelle Schaffer seconded. **Motion carried.**

**Returned from the executive session. No actions were taken in Executive Session.**

Motion to approve Action SC22.13 from Mary Boals, Cindy Harris seconded. **Motion approved. Brent Gardner abstained.**

**SC22.14 Appointment of Synodically Authorized Ministers:** "At the recommendation of the Bishop, Synod Council appoints the following individuals to serve as Synodically Authorized Ministers for their designated location through December 31, 2022: David O'Brien for Grace Toledo; Greg Silliman for St James Toledo; Frank Weaver for Faith United and Augsburg Toledo; and Jeannine Grimm as supply with communion privileges."

Motion to approve by Clark Price, seconded by Wendy Bauer. **Motion approved.**

**SC22.19 Recommendation for a Synod Council Call for Deacon Kayla Peterson as Chaplain at Nationwide:**

Motion to approve by Cindy Harris, seconded by Pastor Jarrod Schaaf. **Motion approved.**

## **6. Administrative Updates:**

Financial report by Jacob Henry placed on file for audit.

On Leave from call process document, and synodical inquiry process documents are continuing to be worked on and Jacob Henry presented an update on the documents.

**Assembly Related Actions:**

**SC22.15 Appointment of Assembly-Related Committees: Reference and Counsel Credentials Committee, and Parliamentarian:**

"Synod Council appoints the following individuals to serve on 2022 Synod Assembly Reference and Counsel Committee: Melissa Peper-Firestone, Student-Pastor Rebecca West-Estelle, and Jacob Henry. Synod Council also appoints the following individuals to serve on the Credentials Committee: Tracey Wright, and Michelle Schaffer". Synod Council also appoints Alan Fuhrhop to serve as Parliamentarian for the Assembly.

**SC22.16 Approval of assembly order of business and rules and procedures:**

"Synod Council approves the Order of Business for the 2022 Synod Assembly and recommends the Assembly adopt the Order of Business and Rules and Procedures."

**SC22.17 Recommended Assembly Actions:**

"Synod Council recommends the Assembly approve the following: 2023/24 Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Ministers of NWOS; constitutional additions/updates to S7.27, S8.11.01, 13.25, and S14.13 of the synod constitution; and Mission Spending plan for 2023-25. If needed, synod staff may make editorial changes and the Executive Committee may make substantive changes to these recommended actions."

**SC22.18 Approval of the Slate of Nominees:**

"Synod Council approves the slate of nominees prepared by the Nominating Committee. Any nominee that is submitted hereafter must be done as a floor nomination, unless a previously identified nominee withdraws their nomination, there is currently only one nominee for a position, or a position lacks any nominees."

Motion to approve Actions SC22.15, 22.16, 22.17, 22.18 en blanc by Deb Noll, seconded by Rev. Melanie Haack. **Motion approved.**

**Memorials Update:** Draft report was presented for Memorials, by Jacob Henry regarding on leave from call status.

- 7. For the Good of the Order:** Rev. Jarrod Schaaf gave a report on outdoor ministries about the things happening at camp.

Meeting Adjourned.