



Western Iowa Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

Members present: Bishop Lorna Halaas, Brian Campbell (Vice President), Pr Scott Dalen, Michael Jacobson (Treasurer), Judy Lang, Pr Cole McCormick, Kathy McEnelly, Pr Kim Peterson, Nancy Peters, Karen Post (Secretary), KayLynn Ridgely, Brian Underwood

Members absent with notice: Tracy Gayer, Gail Schillmoeller

Members absent without notice:

Staff present: Kay Broich, Pr Mike Kroona, Pr Jim Mossman

Guests present: Sue Boblit (WISWO)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Conditions around the synod/state/country: the Iowa governor has recommended “stay at home” orders in dealing with the current Covid-19 pandemic. Among other gatherings, this has restricted worship services. Members discussed how well people and communities are dealing with these conditions.

Bishop Halaas welcomed Karen Post as the recently appointed Synod Secretary. She replaces Pr Jim Mossman, who is now the synod's Director of Evangelical Mission.

Correspondence: (none)

SC20.04.1 APPROVE the March 16, 2020 Synod Council minutes.

Motion made and seconded by: Michael Jacobson, KayLynn Ridgely; PASSED

Michael Jacobson presented the financial reports, beginning with a discussion of contingency planning for a downturn arising from the Covid-19 effects. The Synod qualifies for a loan of approximately \$86,000 under the recently-announced Payroll Protection Program (PPP) as administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA). If the funds from that loan are spent according to guidelines, the loan becomes forgivable.

SC20.04.2 APPROVE applying for the SBA PPP loan.

Motion made and seconded by: Scott Dalen, Kathy McEnelly; PASSED

SC20.04.3 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.

Motion made and seconded by: Nancy Peters, Judy Lang; PASSED

Bishop's Report – Bishop Halaas welcomed Karen Post as Synod Secretary and Pr Jim Mossman as Director of Evangelical Mission. Among other items, Bishop noted that she, Pr Kroona and Pr Mossman recently had meetings by conference with their rostered leaders.

Staff/other comments and greetings:

- Mike Kroona
 - Jim Mossman
 - Kay Broich reminded that the synod office still needs congregations' Mission Intent forms.
 - Sue Boblit reported that the June women's convention has been cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. The national Triennial Convention in July is questionable.
 - Judy Lang reported that the WISWO cluster events were cancelled; there will not be a LWR drive.
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Noted that the Synod Council can fill Council vacancies (Living Waters Young Adult, At Large Person of Color or Language other than English) by appointing.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2020.

Karen Post will offer devotions.

SC20.04.4 ADJOURN the meeting (11:00 AM).

Motion made and seconded by: Scott Dalen, Kim Peterson; PASSED

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Upcoming Synod Council/committee events:

June 13, 2020	9:30 AM	Synod Council
July 30, 2020	6:00 PM	Executive Committee
August 8, 2020	9:30 AM	Synod Council
September 29, 2020	6:00 PM	Executive Committee
October 10, 2020	9:30 AM	Synod Council
December 1, 2020	6:00 PM	Executive Committee
December 12, 2020	9:30 AM	Synod Council

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Post
Western Iowa Synod Secretary