



Western Iowa Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Synod Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

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

Members absent with notice: (none)

Members absent without notice: KayLynn Ridgely, Gail Schilmoeller

Staff present: Kay Broich (Office and Financial Administrator), Rev Judy Johnson (Pastor-Counselor), Dr Rev Mike Kroona (Assistant to the Bishop), Rev Jim Mossman (Director of Evangelical Missions)

Guests present: (none)

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Brian Campbell called the meeting to order.

Karen Post gave opening devotions entitled "If You Don't Trust God."

SC20.05.1 APPROVE the agenda. Motion made and seconded by: Michael Jacobson, Kim Peterson; PASSED.

Correspondence: (none)

SC20.05.2 APPROVE the April 4, 2020 Synod Council minutes.

Motion made and seconded by: Scott Dalen, Cole McCormick; PASSED

Michael Jacobson gave an update on the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan. WIS received \$86,057 on April 17, 2020. It must be spent on payroll, employee benefits, utilities and mortgage interest within 56 days. If it is used outside those areas, it becomes a 1% interest loan to be repaid starting in 24 months.

Based on cash on hand, anticipated incoming Mission Support from congregations and current synod needs, it is believed that we will have an excess of approximately \$60,000. The Council discussed various options of good stewardship of these funds.

SC20.05.3 APPROVE sending Mission Support of \$19,000 to Churchwide. This will align our 2020 year-to-date Mission Support to the same level as 2019 year-to-date.

Motion made and seconded by: Kathy McEnelly, Brian Underwood; PASSED

SC20.05.4 RECEIVE the treasurer's report.

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

Old Business:

- 1) 2020 Synod Assembly cancellation.

The next synod assembly will be April 9-10, 2021 in Fort Dodge.

Resolutions will be carried over to 2021.

Most all of the 2020 costs were refunded or contracts cancelled. Assembly registration fees have been refunded or transferred. Assembly offerings are open until May 29.

Final numbers will be reported when finalized.

New Business:

- 1) Nancy Peters reported the following Endowment Committee's 2020 distributions:

a.	\$ 300	St. Luke Lutheran, Sioux City-Blessing Box
b.	\$ 400	St. Paul Lutheran Remsen-Food Pantry
c.	\$ 500	St. Paul Lutheran, Rockwell City-St. Paul Cares
d.	\$ 500	Bethany Lutheran, Spencer-Peer Ministry
e.	\$ 500	St. Paul Lutheran, Manson-Food Panty
f.	\$ 400	Bethany, Thompson-Audio, video for hearing needs
g.	\$ 600	Immanuel and 8 congregations, Sioux City-God's Work, Our Hands
h.	\$ 800	Salem Lutheran, Correctionville-Wednesday "Sunday School"
i.	\$ 200	Good Hope Lutheran, Titonka-High School Youth Retreat
j.	\$1,000	Unity Lutheran, Graettinger and Wallingford-Large Food Pantry
k.	\$ 300	Bethlehem Lutheran, Red Oak-4 Community Meals
	\$5,500	total

Bishop's Report – Bishop Lorna Halaas referred to her formal assembly report in the April 30 eSpirit. She reported on the various Zoom meetings with rostered leaders and the continuation of electronic worship services in spite of the lifting of worship restrictions in Iowa (Covid-19). A synod event is being planned later this fall. She expressed thanks to the staff and Council.

Staff/other comments and greetings were received from:

- Mike Kroona
- Jim Mossman
- Brian Campbell
- Judy Lang – prisons in Covid-19 lockdown

There were no En Bloc items this month.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2020. Location: likely a Zoom meeting.

Mike Kroona or Jim Mossman will offer devotions.

SC20.05.5 ADJOURN the meeting at 11:15 AM.

Motion made and seconded by consensus; 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
November 21, 2020	TBA	Synod event in Fort Dodge
December 1, 2020	6:00 PM	Executive Committee
December 12, 2020	9:30 AM	Synod Council

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Post
Western Iowa Synod Secretary