

NWOS Council Agenda

April 6, 2019

Present: Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Melissa Peper Firestone, Phil Koenig, Becky Seibert, Deb Noll, Tom Ritter, Brent Gardner, Peter Bowmer, Sue Lawrence, Casey Cox, Ann Marshall, Jacob Nekoranec, Christina Wheeler, Jacob Henry, Jennifer Prueter, Diane Ninke, Mindy Elliot, Jarrod Schaaf, Janine Foster

Excused: Cassie Yeager, James Schwabero, Cindy Milbry, Steve Edmiston, Mark Wentz

Mtg called to order at 8:35 am

1. **Opening Devotions and Eucharist** – Led by Bishop Daniel –Peter B offering devotions

2. **Business Meeting Call to Order** – Led by Vice-President Melissa Peper Firestone

All introduced themselves as a welcome to Mindy Elliott who is completing the vacancy from Julie Parsell.

a. **Approval of January 26 Minutes** Found on pages 5-7.

Moved to approve with following corrections Jarrod Schaaf and Janine Foster were present at Jan.26 meeting, along with spelling corrections, made by Diane Ninke, 2nd Sue Lawrence. Approved with corrections

b. **Review of Executive Committee decisions** Available at the meeting

Executive Committee decisions were reviewed at special Council Meeting held Thursday, March 28, 2019.

3. **Bishop's Report and Teaching Time** – Led by Bishop Daniel Written report and learnings can be found on pages 8-9.

Bishop Daniel will expand on the second part of our proto-mission: *Sent by the crucified and risen Jesus to: **Develop Disciples*** Bishop Daniel had the opportunity to teach and lead Bible Study and delights in these opportunities. Just spent retreat time with first call pastors. Overview of first group of TEEM students (4-5 people). Exploring new ways to lead congregations, vacancy seems to be a good time to consider other options of leadership. Partnering with neighborhood congregations can be an option.

a. **Action SC 19.08** On Leave From Call Requests

"Synod Council grants a second year of on leave from call status to Pastor Rick Jensen and grants a second year of on leave from call status to Pastor Brian Krause."

Moved to approve: comes from the Bishop 2nd Casey – motion approved

b. **Action SC19.09** Specialized Call to Interim Ministry

"Synod Council extends a call to Pastor Jaci Tiel for interim ministry."

Moved to approve by Bishop Daniel, 2nd Jarrod Schaaf- motion approved

4. **Vice President's Report** – Led by Melissa Peper Firestone

As we approach a change in terms for some of our fellow council members, we'll thank our departing members and try to schedule a summer date to welcome our new council members. Listed those going off Council in June. Planning a picnic in July celebrating those going off Council and those coming on. – July 13th tentative date. Will confirm date

5. Secretary's Report – Led by Becky Seibert

Read communication from The People of Redeemer. Passed cards for Jim and Cassie

6. Congregational Care Report – led by Deacon Sherry Krieger

Sherry will share a general update on the call process, how our call process is evolving to better address the need of our congregations and facilitate some discussion on how we can more effectively integrate new rostered ministers to our synod. Thankful for the Call process team established in NWOS and is happy to say it is working well. Looking to break down the process in four sections. (refer to the handout). Responding to the needs of every congregation.

7. Treasurer's Report – Led by Phil Koenig

Financial Summary and related reports can be found on pages 13-29.

The fiscal year ended with no surprises. Finished on target with expenses. Missions support fell 6% short. Cash position total income 94%, expenses 99%-- net loss about \$50,000. Cash balances down \$50,000. Auditors say we are still in a healthy position for one year. If this continues, we will need to look at things more closely. Perhaps in the future the Council could play a more active role in reaching out to congregational support.

8. Administrative Matters – Led by Synod Administrator Jacob Henry

a. Action SC 19.10 Constitutional Updates

"In accordance with bylaw 9.53.03 of the ELCA Constitution, the constitution of Zoar Perrysburg has been reviewed and approved."

Moved to approve: Casey Cox , 2nd Deb Noll.

Background on the LIFT Parish can be found on page 12.

(During lunch) Pam Kensler, Director of Discipleship and Outreach for LIFT, will be with us to share an update on the LIFT ministry

Good discussion concerning the interpretation of LIFT.

12:25 pm Deb moved to go into Executive Session Deb Noll, 2nd Tom Ritter No objection

12:35 pm motion to move out of Executive Session Pete Bowmer, 2nd Brent Gardner.

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

- Deb shared about Prayer retreat last week. Had 20+ participants. Took place at Emanuel—after lunch had 7 different art projects to participate in
- Peter celebrating 25 yrs of marriage. At Disney World.
- Brent St. Paul in Sandusky decided to go to one worship service. Sunday evening at 5p with dinner following. 4p Education, 5p Worship, 6p meal
- Casey oldest daughter 22 yrs, gymnastic on FL last meet -prayers for safe competing
- Deb

10. Sending Blessing and Prayer

12:40 p.m. closing prayer and blessings given by Jarrod.

Sept 7, 2019 next meeting.