

**Southern Ohio Synod – ELCA
Synod Council Meeting
Courtyard Marriott, Ballroom A
Springfield, Ohio
June 6, 2014**

Call to Order: Mrs. Barbara Klatt, Vice President of Council, called the Synod Council meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Devotions were offered by Vice President Klatt with a reading from I Corinthians 12:12-31. A short study of the passages followed. She asked, “How is this reading relevant to the Southern Ohio Synod?” She suggested that as the parts work independently, much is accomplished for the whole body.

Review and Approval of Minutes of 04/05/2014 Meeting:

VOTED:
SC.14.06.1 To approve the minutes of the April 5, 2014 meeting.
(Johnsen/Bull) APPROVED.

Review and Approval of Agenda of 06/06/2014 Meeting:

VOTED:
SC.14.06.2 To approve the 06/06/14 Meeting Agenda (Kaelin/Freudenberger)
APPROVED.

Roll Call:

Members present: Pr. Lisa Arrington, Pr. Jonathan Bull, Ms. Susan Clem, Bp. Suzanne D. Dillahun, Ms. Marjorie Ellis, Mr. Richard Freudenberger, Pr. Brian George, Mr. Roy E. Hart, Mr. Brandon Huston, Mr. Mike Johnsen, Pr. Dona Johnson, Ms. Robin Kaelin, Ms. Jodi Keith, Ms. Edna Kettler, Mrs. Barbara Klatt, Mr. Mike Knilans, Mr. James Renshaw, Mr. Steve Schnittke, Ms. Erin Taylor, Ms. Desirée Tryloff, Mr. Charles Vosskuehler, Mr. Bennett Whitaker, and Pr. Ralph Wolfe.

Members excused: Pr. Diana Gugel, Pr. Robert Miller, Mr. Ronald Moder, and Ms. Carol Swank

Members absent: None

Staff present: Pr. Jeff Wick and Pr. Ed Williams

Staff excused: None

Staff absent: None

Introduction of Rev. Donald J. McCoid

Bishop Dillahunst welcomed Rev. Donald J. McCoid to the synod council meeting as a guest. Rev. McCoid is the Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the ELCA and currently serves as Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Rev. McCoid brought greetings from Chicago. His welcome comments were woven into the devotional passage and the remarks of Mrs. Klatt that as the Synod and the ELCA often work independently, much is accomplished for the whole Church.

Reports of the Officers and Executive Committee:

- Vice President:
1. Mrs. Klatt stated that she appreciates the diversity of the members of the Council and enjoys the various perspectives that are shared around the Council table.
 2. The Vice President then recognized the dedication and work of Pr. Bob Miller as a member of Council and of Mr. Mike Knilans as Council Treasurer. She thanked both Pr. Miller and Mr. Knilans for their service upon their departure from the Council.
 3. Pr. Craig Richter was introduced to the Council as the Parliamentarian for the 2014 Synod Assembly.
 4. Mrs. Klatt introduced a document to the Synod Council titled "2014 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly Previously Adopted Rules of Procedure" which has been recommended by the Synod Council Executive Committee for adoption by Council to be used at the 2014 Synod Assembly. The document is attached to these Minutes. Council members then considered the document and discussion centered on the issue of "quorum" as defined at item H and S7.14 found on page 2 of the document.

VOTED:

SC.14.06.3

To approve the adoption of the document "2014 Southern Ohio Synod Assembly Previously Adopted Rules of Procedure" for use at the 2014 Synod Assembly (Bull/Keith) APPROVED.

Secretary: 1. No report.

Treasurer: 1. Mr. Knilans reported a 2014 Synod year-to-date loss of \$20,000.00 as opposed to a year-to-date loss of \$10,000.00 in

2013. Despite this loss, Mr. Knilians reported that on the positive side, Mission Support has increased each month.

2. In April the Synod received a request to lease our Oklahoma farmland for oil and gas exploration. The Executive Committee unanimously approved entering into the lease. In exchange for \$10,000, the company can explore the farm for three years. If marketable quantities are found, the Synod will receive a 3/16ths royalty on all production for our interest in the land. The wells in this area are small and vertical rather than horizontal “fracking”. Our on-site farmer is in favor of the lease which will have little effect on crop production.

Bishop:

1. The Bishop reported that Elizabeth Sammons will be present as a voting member of the 2014 Synod Assembly, and that her daughter will be leaving soon for Kazakhstan and will be in communication with The Rev. Bishop Juri Novgorodov, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kazakhstan.

2. Bishop Dillahunt introduced Pr. Gideon Maghina, Bishop from Tanzania, as a guest at the Council Meeting. Bishop Maghina will be in attendance at the 2014 Synod Assembly to make a presentation to the Synod.

3. The Bishop then reported that the Resolution submitted by Pr. Phil VanDam has been withdrawn.

**VOTED:
SC.14.06.4**

**To approve the Reports of the Officers (Kettler/Kaelin)
APPROVED.**

**EN BLOC
VOTED:
SC.14.06.5**

**To Approve the En Bloc Recommendations. (Tryloff/Clem)
APPROVED.**

Congregations and Assemblies

Rosters and Personnel

Professional Leaders Roster - Voted En Bloc

Retired Status

Pr. William J. Rauch (7-1-14)

RECOMMENDATION: To approve the retirement of Pastor William Rauch

Leave from Call

Pr. Alex Brown (5-1-14)

RECOMMENDATION: To approve the Leave from Call status of Pastor Alex Brown

Legal and Mission Planning

Finance and Administration

Financials: **INFORMATION**

- Other Business:
1. The Bishop then recognized the dedication and work of Pr. Bob Miller as a member of Council and of Mr. Mike Knilans as Council Treasurer. She thanked both Pr. Miller and Mr. Knilans for their service upon their departure from the Council and presented a gift to each in further recognition of their service.

Bishop Suzanne Dillahunt then offered prayer to close the meeting.

Mrs. Barbara Klatt, Vice President of the Synod Council, then declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Hart
Synod Council Secretary