

**South Dakota Synod Council Meeting
Outlaw Ranch
August 23, 2013**

Members present: Erik Gilbertson, Rev. Janice FitzGibbon, Michael Miller, Teri Gayer, Christy Kimball, Marilyn Green, Rev. Deb Grismer, Peggy Namanny, Rev. Holly Slater, Rose Lauck, Rev. Tom Opoien, LuAnn Denke, Bishop Dave Zellmer, Carla Borchardt, Susan Leddy, Kayla Koterwski--online
Staff: Jim Schade, Susan Marone, Lois Borchardt, Crystal McCormick,

Vice President, Carla Borchardt, called the meeting to order.
LuAnn Denke led devotions. New member introduction included all members present answering roll call, "What gives you hope?"

**MSC to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2013, meeting.
SC.13.08.01**

**MSC to approve agenda
SC. 13.08.02**

Reports

Erik Gilbertson gave the treasurer's report. He gave a basic overview for new council members. Financial support to mission partners is slightly behind budget. The operating reserves are strong. Bishop Dave provided explanation on support to mission partners.

Tom Opoien questioned the restricted account, Youth Habitat House.

Erik Gilbertson, Lois Borchardt, and Bishop Dave will look at all temporary and restricted accounts and bring recommendations to the March Synod Council meeting.

**MSC to receive the Treasurer's report.
SC 13.08.03**

Erik Gilbertson reported the Synod Assembly financial report. The block of rooms reserved at the Sheraton Hotel for Assembly attendees did not all get filled and the Synod was financially responsible for the unoccupied rooms. Future Synod Assemblies will provide hotel information to congregations and attendees may book their own rooms. Housing will continue to be offered at Augustana College.

**MSC to transfer \$20,970.68 from Synod Assembly income to
The Bishop Transition Fund
SC 13.08.04**

SD Synod Executive Council Meeting Minutes

08-23-13

Members present: Erik Gilbertson, Peg Namanny, Michael Miller, Rev Tom Opoien,
Bishop Dave Zellmer, Carla Borchardt. Susan Leddy

Staff present: Susan Marone, Jim Schade, Lois Borchardt

Vice President Carla Borchardt called the meeting to order.

Discussion was held regarding distribution from the endowment fund. No disbursements were made.

The Synod office has selected Portico Gold Plus plan for the synod staff.

MSC to approve the selection of Portico Gold Plus Plan EC 13.08.01

Bishop Dave Zellmer will enter into a conversation with Dave Brunkow of Gronlund - Sayther - Brunkow regarding a South Dakota Synod capital campaign. He will bring a report to the October meeting.

Bishop Dave Zellmer reported that there are ELCA grant funds available to help financially support Mrs. Ackerman.

The Synod received \$24,000 in wellness reward dollars.

Discussion was held to offer grant money to clergy from small congregations with 5 years of service or longer

MSC to approve five, \$2000 grants to clergy from small congregations with 5 years of service or longer. EC 13.08.02.

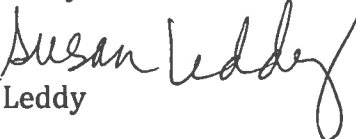
Bishop Dave provided an update on embezzlement activities in a neighboring synod.

Bishop Dave reminded new executive council members about strict confidentiality of information shared.

Executive committee will meet October 10th at 6:00 pm

Carla Borchardt will lead devotions.

Respectfully submitted


Susan Leddy

Erik Gilbertson presented the Endowment report and Answer the Call. The balance sheet for the Endowment Fund and the SD Synod Endowment Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed. The funds will not come out to the operating budget.

MSC to forgive the Answer the Call Campaign receivable in the endowment fund and appropriate the balance to the Quasi Principle restricted fund
SC 13.08 05

Bishop Dave gave his report. Bill Tesch will be back in the office 9-15-13. He reported that the relationship with Cameroon has been difficult the past several years. Bishop Nyiwe withdrew his name for re-election and a new Bishop was elected in their recent Assembly. Bishop Dave, Pastor Bill Tesch, and Pastor Trisha Boese, Pastor Jessica Daum, and Pastor Natanael Lizarazo are planning to go to Cameroon in November for the installation of the new Bishop and dedication of a new hospital. Bishop Dave will stay to teach at the seminary and enjoy a safari. Bishop Dave will travel to Massachusetts to meet with Good Samaritan Society and Verizon on how to bring church community to shut-ins through the use of technology. He will provide a report to the synod council at the October Synod Council meeting.

An invitation to Synod Council members to attend the installation of newly elected Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on October 5th at Rockefeller Place in Chicago, was extended.

Bishop Dave met with Flandreau Indian School administrators. The partnership with the Flandreau Indian Chaplain's ministry ended and funding discontinued following the June 2013 Synod Council meeting.

Kayla Koterwski and Reed Christopherson were elected to the ELCA Church council and Bishop Dave was elected by the Conference of Bishops to serve as the Region 3 Liaison Bishop.

Kevin Jensen has resigned from Synod Council. The Southeastern conference will need to nominate a replacement member to bring to Synod Council for approval.

Susan Marone presented her report. Roster member action included the following:

MSC to grant Pastor Bob Chell on leave from call roster status.

SC 13.08.06

MSC to grant Pastor Kristin Kellaheer on leave from call roster status.

SC 13.08.07

MSC to grant Pastor Karen Matuska on leave from call roster status.

SC 13.08.08

MSC to grant Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner on leave from call roster status.

SC 13.08.09

MSC to grant Pastor Harold Wastrous retirement roster status.

SC 13.08.10

MSC to extend a Campus Ministry synodical letter of call to Pastor Herb Wounded Head III to Campus Ministry at SDSU, Brooking, SD.

SC 13.08.11

Susan reminded council that 40% of roster leaders will retire in the next 6 years and to be mindful of lifting up those persons with the skills necessary to attend seminary.

Bishop Dave provided the report on the Churchwide Assembly held in Pittsburg, PA. Council members attending included Kayla Koterwski, Carla Borchardt, Erik Gilbertson, and Bishop Dave. South Dakota had 25 voting members in their contingency. Highlights reported included; elected first female Bishop, adopted a social statement on criminal justice, adopted a capital campaign of \$198 million dollars, and elected a new secretary.

Mission Boards:

Congregational Ministries: Michael Miller--Chair, Rev. Holly Slater—recorder, Verdelle Anderson, Rev. Siri Sorenson, Jesse Fonkert, Duane Abata, Susan Leddy, Matthew Johnson, and Susan Marone.

Outreach: Peggy Namanny—chair, Teri Gayer—recorder, Marilyn Green, LuAnn Denke, Kayla Koterwski, Erik Gilbertson, Rev. Randy Koeller, Lorne, Tilberg, and Rev. Bill Tesch

Leadership: Alex Jensen—chair, Rev. Deb Grismer—recorder, Rev. Janice FitzGibbon, Lonell Moeller, Steve Koenig, Rose Lauck, Rev. Tom Opoien, Carla Borchardt, and Bishop Dave Zellmer.

MSC to elect Rev. Tom Opoien to Vice President of the Synod Council.

SC 13.08.12

Portico Update

South Dakota Synod has selected the Gold Plus package for employees.

Synod Capital Campaign

Preliminary conversation about the SD Synod capital campaign.

Other Business

2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Bishop Dave would like to lead a group of Pastors to Germany in 2014. Tom Opoien recommended a German lay academy to celebrate heritage surrounding the Reformation celebration. Ethnic foods, music, speakers, and lifting up the crossing of Lutheranism to the United States.

A Danish celebration will be held at Mt. Rushmore on September 28th. It will commemorate the 70th anniversary of saving the Jewish people during the holocaust in Europe. It is estimated that almost all the Danish Jews were saved. Senator Stan Adelstein is coordinating the event.

The SD 2013 Synod Assembly committed to raising funds to place 30 new roofs in Cameroon. Each roof costs \$8,000. Congregations are encouraged to help raise funds.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 8th. Congregations are encouraged to develop their own way to participate and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA

Conferences were provided with packet-identifying congregations within their conference that are not contributing to the ELCA mission support. Synod council members are asked to divide the congregations and call on them to encourage mission support or increase their support by 1%. Visits are to be completed by next Synod Council meeting in October.

MSC to host one meeting a year in central or western South Dakota. SC 13.08.13

Crystal McCormick will set up drop box for electronic record sharing. Lois Borchardt updated the council on an App for the SD Synod. Kevin Stillson will work on development and implementation of it.

The next meeting is October 11th at 8:00 am at the Synod Office in Sioux Falls.

LuAnn Denke closed with devotions.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Leddy
Secretary, SD Synod