

**Council of Directors
Church of the Lutheran Brethren
March 22-23, 2017
Living Word Community Church, Phoenix AZ**

Members Present: Shawn Bowman, Greg Butler, Matthew DeKok, James Erickson, Warren Geraghty, Marcus Goodman, Warren Hall, Phil Heiser, Noel Holtan, Art Hundebly, Rich Iverson, Paul Larson, Mark Nienow, Stan Olsen, Roger Olson, Jon Overland, LaWayne Rogness, Matthew Rogness, Scott Skones, Michael Swenson, Troy Tysdal, Ruth Vallevik, David Veum, Gary Witkop

Guests Present: Associate of Biblical Stewardship Roy Heggland, Associate for Advancement Steve Tonneson

Members Absent: Jim Bossert, Brad Hoganson, Marvin Nelson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Swenson at 1:07 pm, March 22.

MMSC to accept the schedule.

President Paul Larson presented his report (see Tab 2, Document 2) and gave a welcome.

MMSC to grant speaking rights to Roy Heggland and Steve Tonneson.

LaWayne Rogness presented the financial report (see Tab 3).

MMSC to approve minutes from the October 6-7, 2016 COD meetings (see Tab 4).

Chairman Swenson gave an overview of the recently completed Presidential Evaluation process.

MMSC to receive the Presidential Evaluation following discussion.

MMSC to present President Paul Larson as the only nominee for the Office of President at the 2018 Biennial Convention of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren.

Break at 3:18 for refreshments followed by committee meetings.

Council reconvened at 8:30 am, March 23.

David Veum opened in prayer.

Council welcomed Loyal Clarke, chairman of the LBS board.

David Veum presented the LBS report (see Tab 5).

Loyal Clarke gave a presentation regarding the LB Discipleship Institute.

MMSC to receive the LBS report.

MMSC to add Richard Erickson to the LBS board slate of nominees.

Stan Olsen presented the North American Mission report (see Tab 2, Document 2 beginning with page 4, as well as Tab 6, section 1).

Encouragement of continued efforts to engage youth and young adults in the ministry and mission of the CLB.

Discussion regarding NAM leadership role in church planting.

MMSC to receive the NAM report.

Break at 9:55 am.

Matthew Rogness presented the Lutheran Brethren International Mission report (see Tab 2 Document 2 beginning with page 6, as well as Tab 6 section 2).

Minutes of the LBIM Committee were distributed.

MMSC to direct the COD executive committee to call Kay Asche as a missionary to the Bagirmi people.

MMSC to affirm the direction of the draft of the LBIM 2017-2022 Strategic Plan.

MMSC to receive the LBIM report.

Troy Tysdal presented the Communication and Prayer report (See Faith & Fellowship Action Plan No. 12 booklet, as well as Tab 6 section 3).

MMSC to receive the Communication and Prayer report.

Ruth Vallevik presented the Women's Ministries report.

MMSC to receive the Women's Ministries report.

Stan Olsen presented motions from the Theological Council.

First motion regarding a communication to Victory Community Church was brought and discussion was intended to be held during executive session. The results of the executive session were sent to Victory Community Church in a letter dated April 5, 2017.

Recess at 12:28.

Meeting resumed following lunch.

MMSC to approve the ordination of Andrew Olsen contingent upon the completion of all colloquy requirements by October 1, 2017.

MMSC to approve the ordination of Jordan Spina.

MMSC to approve the ordination of Ben Hosch contingent upon the approval of the Theological Council following an interview.

President Paul Larson introduced the Office of the President Strategic Plan.

Steve Tonneson, Associate for Advancement presented a report (see Tab 2 Document 2 beginning with page 12, as well as Tab 6 section 5, Strategic Direction 7).

Roy Heggland, Associate for Biblical Stewardship presented a report (see Tab 2 Document 2 beginning with page 15, as well as Tab 6 section 5, Strategic Direction 6).

President Paul Larson continued with the Office of the President Strategic Plan (see Tab 6 section 5).

MMSC to receive the Office of the President report.

Break at 2:50.

President Paul Larson introduced Todd Mathison to give a greeting on behalf of Hillcrest Lutheran Academy.

LaWayne Rogness presented the Finance Department's strategic plan (see Tab 6 section 4).

Handout with minutes from 3/22 Finance Committee meeting was distributed.

MMSC to do a "catch up" on the CLB/LBS currently employed employees' pension allowance for FY 2016-17. This will be retroactive to May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. This "catch up" amount will be taken from the NAM Property and Projects Fund under the tab of "Grants." The amount will be approximately \$69,000-70,000.

MMSC to receive the Finance Department report.

Presentation on the possibility of receiving three homes, owned by Arlow Hushagen, currently used for seminary housing. There is a possibility of selling the three homes and using the proceeds to build seminary housing on land owned by the CLB on the CLB campus.

Presentation of the Consolidated Budget 2017-2018 Worksheet including invitation for feedback.

Council of Directors meeting recessed at 4:46.

Council of Directors meeting reconvened.

Discussion regarding the status of the Constitution and By-Laws Review committee. Chairman Swenson appointed Shawn Bowman as chair of the committee. Intention is to bring a report to the Fall COD meeting.

Future meetings:

Budget Meeting to be held electronically on Monday, June 5, 2017 – Time to be determined

Fall meeting to be held October 12-13, 2017 in Fergus Falls.

MMSC to hold COD meeting March 15-16, 2018 in Fergus Falls.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.