

**Council of Directors  
Church of the Lutheran Brethren  
October 11-12, 2018  
Fergus Falls, MN**

**Members Present:** Shawn Bowman, Greg Butler, Matthew DeKok, Scott Dunsmore, Warren Geraghty, Marcus Goodman, Warren Hall, Phil Heiser, Noel Holtan, Rich Iverson, Justin Jenner, Paul Larson, Mark Nienow, Stan Olsen, Roger Olson, Jon Overland, LaWayne Rogness, Matthew Rogness, Dennis Rude, Scott Skones, Luther Stenberg, Michael Swenson, Troy Tysdal, Ruth Vallevik, David Veum, Roger Viksnes, Gary Witkop

**Members Absent:**

Also present: Roy Heggland and Steve Tonneson

Meeting called to order and prayer by Chairman Swenson at 8:03 am.

President Paul Larson greeted the council and gave a devotion.

**MMSC to give speaking rights to Roy Heggland and Steve Tonneson.**

**MMSC to approve the agenda for the meeting (see tab 1).**

President Paul Larson presented his report (see tab 2).

**MMSC to accept the President's Report.**

President Larson thanked LaWayne Rogness for his service in the time of transition in the Finance department.

LaWayne Rogness presented the Financial Report (see tab 3).

**MMSC to accept the Financial Report.**

**MMSC to accept minutes from March COD, May Video Conference and June COD meetings.**

A letter from Warren Geraghty was read regarding his retirement.

**MMSC to accept the retirement of Warren Geraghty.**

The full council reconvened at 1:05 pm following committee meetings and lunch at LBS.

Brad Hoganson presented an expansion plan for Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. He introduced Lonnie Ballweg the chairman of the board of Morning Son Christian School, Jeff Isaac, the principal of HLA, Brad Martinson, business manager of HLA, and Lisa and Dan Malmstrom, a consultant that HLA is partnering with from North Point Professionals. (see tab 10).

**MMS to express support of the general direction for the HLA expansion plans regarding classical education curriculum and a pre-K-12 education.**

**MMSC to table the previous motion and communicate further with HLA regarding the plan.**

Scott Dunsmore agreed to communicate with HLA tonight.

David Veum presented the LBS Report (see tab 6).

**MMSC to accept the LBS Report.**

Matthew Rogness presented the LBIM Report (see tab 2, p. 18)

**MMSC to accept the 2018-2022 strategic plan of LBIM.**

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Troy Tysdal presented the Communications and Prayer Report. (See Faith & Fellowship Action Plan booklet)

**MMSC to accept the Communications and Prayer Report.**

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 am on Friday, October 12.

**MMSC to approve the minutes from the 2018 Biennial Convention.**

Stan Olsen presented the NAM Report (see tab 2, p. 15)

**MMSC to accept the NAM Report.**

LaWayne Rogness presented the Finance and Personnel Report.

**MMSC to reinstate the Life, AD&D, and LTD benefits for synod employees.**

**MMSC to accept the Auditor's Report from FSW.**

**MMSC to accept the Finance Committee minutes.**

Roy Heggland presented a report on Biblical Stewardship (see tab 2, page 26).

Steve Tonneson presented a report on Advancement Ministry (see tab 2, page 25).

Paul Larson presented the Office of the President strategic plan (see tab 5).

**MMSC to accept the Report of the Office of the President.**

Small groups met to consider NAM reorganization proposal and give feedback.

**MMSC to affirm a renewed focus on realizing disciple-making as the priority of the CLB.**

**MMSC that the COD affirms the Office of the President recommendation to reorganize NAM operations including the vacating of the Regional Pastor positions and direct the Office of the President to continue developing the CLB Leadership Strategic Plan for Making Disciples for approval at an upcoming COD meeting.**

**MMSC to affirm the past, present and ongoing gospel work of the Regional Pastors.**

A proposed timeline for the reorganization was presented.

Ruth Vallevik presented the Women's Ministries Report (see handout).

**MMSC to accept the Women's Ministries Report.**

Stan Olsen presented a report from the Theological Council.

**MMSC to table the Theological Council Recommendations #3 and #4 regarding the exegetical paper on “Scriptural Qualifications for Overseers in the Pastoral Epistles and the Contemporary Application” as well as the “Preamble and Proposal on Clergy Divorce and Remarriage.”**

**MMSC for the ordination of Alan Johnson.**

**MMSC for the ordination of Bill Poore.**

**MMSC for the ordination of Nick Joyal.**

**MMSC for the ordination of Ryan Dittmann contingent on the editing of his DMQ and acceptance of this edited DMQ by the Certification Committee on behalf of the TC.**

Secretary Mark Nienow left the meeting and Stan Olsen was appointed secretary pro tem.

**MMS that the information distributed to the COD relative to the issue of Clergy Divorce and Remarriage be distributed to all of the CLB clergy for them to process. – Defeated.**

**MMSC to bring previous HLA motion off the table.**

**MMS to express support of the general direction for the HLA expansion plans regarding classical education curriculum and a pre-K-12 education. – Defeated.**

**MMSC to affirm the disciple-making partnership the CLB shares with HLA and the overall advancement of HLA’s mission by creating a continuum of curriculum design to the broader age-range they envision. We also express our concern for HLA’s incurring great debt before addressing the existing debt and expect a debt reduction plan for review prior to ratification. Per HLA by-laws the COD anticipates an amendment to HLA by-laws to be considered for ratification by the COD.**

The question of Scott Skones’ status on the COD and TC was raised since he is now the pastor of the CLB church in Dickinson, ND. **MMSC to ask Scott Skones to resign his position on the COD since he is the pastor of the Dickinson congregation and that we ask the Western Region to fill the position of ordained layman.**

Next meeting of the COD – April 11-12, 2019

**MMSC to appoint Mike Swenson to fill Scott Skones’ Theological Council position**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. President Larson closed the meeting with the benediction and Lord’s Prayer.