

**Council of Directors  
Church of the Lutheran Brethren  
October 8, 2020  
Via Zoom Meetings**

**Members Present:** Doug Bounds, Dan Bundy, Greg Butler, Matthew DeKok, Scott Dunsmore, Warren Hall, Barbara Heggland, Rich Iverson, Jeff Kleveland, Paul Larson, Nick Mundis, Mark Nienow, LaWayne Rogness, Matthew Rogness, Dennis Rude, Scott Skones, Luther Stenberg, Michael Swenson, Joel Torgerson, Troy Tysdal, Daniel Venberg, David Veum, and Roger Viksnes

**Members Absent:**

**Also present:** Roy Heggland, Phil Heiser, Christa Jahr, Ryan Nilsen, Steve Tonneson, and Jean Wilsdon

Meeting began by Chairman Swenson at 9:00 am.

Christa Jahr gave some procedural instructions.

Chairman Swenson called the meeting to order and began with prayer at 9:04 am.

**MMSC to give speaking rights to non-members Roy Heggland, Phil Heiser, Christa Jahr, Ryan Nilsen, Steve Tonneson, Jean Wilsdon.**

**MMSC approve the schedule and agenda as presented (see tab 1).**

President Paul Larson greeted the council and presented his report, including a devotional (see tab 2)

**MMSC to create an Ad-hoc committee of COD members to interact with the Office of the President personnel.**

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

David Veum presented the LBS report (see tab 4).

Nick Mundis and Ryan Nilsen presented the North American Mission report (see tab 4).

**MMSC to receive the resignation of Pastor Erick Sorenson as pastor and church planter of Epiphany Lutheran Church.**

**MMSC to approve the amended policy for the use of assets from the sale of church property.**

Dan Venberg presented the LBIM report (see tab 4).

Troy Tysdal presented the Communications and Prayer report (see tab 4).

LaWayne Rogness presented the Finance Committee report (see tab 4).

**MMSC to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Financial Audit as prepared by Brady, Martz & Associates.**

**MMSC to approve the amendment as presented to section III. Due Diligence and Accountability to our Trust Fund Policy.**

Note: Change would require all endowments of \$100,000 or greater to be listed individually in the footnotes of our CPA prepared financial statements and that these endowments would be reviewed by the Finance Committee and the COD at least annually

Matthew Rogness presented the Director of Operations report (see tab 4).

Christ Jahr presented the Associate for Systems Resourcing report (see tab 5).

Phil Heiser presented the Associate for Ministry Support report (see tab 5).

Steve Tonneson, Associate for Advancement Ministry, presented his report (see tab 5).

Roy Heggland, Associate for Biblical Stewardship, presented his report (see tab 5).

Jean Wilsdon presented the Women's Ministry report. (see tab 6).

**MMSC to receive the minutes of the April 2, 2020 COD, May 18, 2020 Budget Mtg. and June 30, 2020 special meeting minutes with the date correction for the April 2 meeting.**

**MMSC to approve the ordination of Benjamin Breslin, contingent upon the satisfactory clarification of his understanding of paragraph 7b of the Statement of Faith (as expressed in DMQ 7.i.1,2), and find ways to encourage Ben and his family in ministry.**

**MMSC to approve the ordination of Ty Rostvedt.**

**MMSC to approve the ordination of Mars Harper.**

**Break for lunch at 1:09 pm.**

**MMSC to appoint Rich Iverson (Pastor), Nick Mundis (Pastor) and Doug Bounds (Elder) to the Pastoral Care and Discipline Committee.**

Scott Dunsmore and Michael Swenson were nominated for the position of Chairman.

**Michael Swenson was elected as the Chairman of the Council.**

**MMSC to appoint Matthew Rogness as the Vice President of the CLB and Vice Chair of the COD.**

Warren Hall and Michael Swenson were nominated to serve on the Theological Council.

**Warren Hall and Michael Swenson were elected to serve on the Theological Council.**

Breakout groups for strategic planning.

Next meetings:

March 25-26, 2021 Spring COD Meeting / October 7-8, 2021 Fall COD Meeting (review)

**MMSC to adjourn at 2:53 pm.**

President Larson closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nienow