

**MINUTES OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL, SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
Homewood Suites, McAllen, Texas  
May 15, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.**

The Synod Council meeting was called to order by Vice President Carl Teinert at 3:00 p.m. Opening prayer by Bishop Tiemann.

***Roll Call***

The secretary determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

Santiago Alanis	The Rev. Robert Kaul	The Rev. William Swantner
The Rev. Mark Behrendt	Jerry Kramer	Carl Teinert
Lisa Beyer	The Rev. Alma Morales	Bishop Ray Tiemann
Mike Childers	Linda Nicholas	Bill Warncke
Diana Dworin	The Rev. Eric Petty	Judy Weber
Vicki Hollmig	Jim Price	Linda Zander
Peggy Janssen	Alfred Reinhardt	

**Advisory Members Present:**

The Rev. Karl Biermann	John Dellis	Mary Lou Walther
The Rev. Michael Coffey		

**Staff Present:**

Janet Fries	Heather Hansen	The Rev. Michael Robinson
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**Absent:**

Katie Boos	Whitney Myers	Joaquin Trevino
The Rev. Bonnie Claycomb	The Rev. Heidi Schwerdtfeger-	The Rev. Dan Zellmer
The Rev. Joe Garcia	Jones	The Rev. Lynn Schudy Ziese
Dennis Hickey	Karen Stein	

***Agenda***

Mr. Teinert presented a Proposed Agenda.

**VOTED**

**SC.09.5.1 To adopt the proposed agenda as revised.**

**VOTED**

**SC.09.5.2 To approve the minutes of the February 13-14, 2009, Synod Council meeting.**

**VOTED**

**SC.09.5.3 To approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009, Synod Council telephonic meeting as revised.**

***Treasurer's Report***

Mr. Warncke reviewed the Revised Spending Plan 2009-2010 as outlined in Column M of Exhibit B-1. Mr. Warncke then presented Exhibits B-1, B-2 and B-3 as they are to be presented to the 2009 Synod Assembly. Mr. Warncke also presented the 2010-2011 proposed budget as adopted at the

April 7, 2009, Synod Council telephonic meeting as it is to be presented to the 2009 Synod Assembly (also found in Page 16 of the Bulletin of Reports for the 2009 Synod Assembly).

***Office of the Bishop Report***

Bishop Tiemann presented highlights of the upcoming Assembly. He also indicated that there would be an optional meeting/discussion/open forum regarding sexuality issues from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. The Synod Council received updated copies of Resolutions to be submitted to the Assembly with the recommendations from Reference and Counsel as to each one. Bishop Tiemann then presented Resolution #8 that was received a few days prior to the Assembly.

**VOTED**  
**SC.09.5.5**      **Motion failed to present Resolution #8 to the Assembly for consideration.**

***Assembly Items***

**VOTED**  
**SC.09.5.6**      **To recommend adoption of the Proposed Agenda for presentation to and approval by the Synod Assembly.**

Mr. Teinert presented a review of the Proposed Standing Rules to be presented to the Assembly for approval.

Mr. Teinert presented the Report on Compensation (Exhibit D).

**VOTED**  
**SC.09.5.7**      **To approve the following changes to the 2009 Clergy Compensation Guidelines: change title to “2009/2010 Clergy Compensation Guidelines” and that § 8.0 be added to the guidelines for presentation to and approval by the Synod Assembly.**

Mr. Teinert presented information on the Breakout Sessions/Assembly Without Walls (Exhibit E).

***Action Items:***

**VOTED**  
**SC.09.5.8**      **To approve amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws for St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Ander (Goliad) for C10.01.01 and C12.02 (Constitution), and C5.05.01 through C5.05.04 and C13.08.01 a. through f. (Bylaws).**

**VOTED**  
**SC.09.5.9**      **To approve the Constitution and Bylaws for St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Braunfels with editorial corrections as suggested in Fall of 2008.**

**VOTED**  
**SC.09.5.10**      **To approve the nomination of Heidi Franzen (Exhibit F-1) and Christopher Gold (Exhibit F-2) as nominees for Synod Treasurer.**

The Synod Council recessed at 4:30 p.m. for the annual meeting of St. Luke’s Lutheran Healthcare Ministries Corporation.

The Corporation members voted to elect and ratify the following persons to serve in Executive Committee positions for a one year term expiring 6/30/2010 as follows:

President	Mike Manuppelli
Vice President	Barbara Hanson Nellerhoe
Treasurer	Karen Norman
Secretary	Jan Schubert Norris
ELCA Clergy	Rev. Henry Schulte
At-Large	Bob Brakey
Past President	Mark Helmke

The Corporation members voted to elect and ratify Board of Directors positions with a four year term expiring 6/30/2013 for the following persons: Anne Kanter, J.D. Marek, Balous Miller, Jon Moline, Laura O'Donnell, Loretta Patterson, Rev. Henry Schulte and Betsy Zachry.

The Corporation meeting was adjourned and the Synod Council meeting reconvened.

**VOTED**

**SC.09.5.11 To approve the appointment of David Bowman (St. Peter/Ander – Victoria Conference) and Dale Anderson of Christ/San Antonio – San Antonio Conference) to the Candidacy Committee for three year terms beginning September 1, 2009.**

Janet Fries presented information about the logistics of the upcoming Assembly.

***Calendar Items:***

Synod Council Meetings:

September 11-12, 2009 – Seguin  
February 26-28, 2010 – Victoria Conference  
April 30, 2010 – New Braunfels

Synod Assembly Dates:

May 1-2, 2010 – New Braunfels (San Antonio Conference hosts)

After closing prayer by Bishop Tiemann, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Zander, Synod Secretary