

**MINUTES OF THE SYNOD COUNCIL, SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
May 19, 2005**

Mark Helmke, vice president, at Lutheran Ministry Center, Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Texas, called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. The meeting is opened by Bishop Tiemann with a prayer and devotions.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Bishop Ray Tiemann	Mark Helmke	Gayle Gordon Bouzard
Bill Maddox	Tom Winn	Linda Zander
Alice Schnelle	The Rev. Don Taylor	The Rev. Wayne Walther
Alton Luedke	The Rev. Paul Zwarich	Laurie Hartman
The Rev. Anne Kolmeier	Gerry Hornstein	Ronald Riske
The Rev. Michael Ensrude	Nan Hengst	David Houston
Rodger Johnson	Margaret Reus	

Advisory Members:

Jenny Peterson	The Rev. James Bouzard	John Dellis
Carl Teinert	Donna Shurley	
The Rev. Stephen Kanouse		

Absent:

The Rev. James Wilken	The Rev. Joe Garcia
Karl Vermace	Baldemar Cano Jr.
The Rev. Herb Beyer	Balorie deLaTejera
Irene Merz	

Staff:

Anne Jones Hilbert	The Rev. Daryl Koenig
The Rev. Lynn Schudy Ziese	The Rev. Elliott Pancoast

The secretary determined that a quorum was present

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mark Helmke presents a Proposed Agenda.

VOTED
SC05.5.32 **That the proposed agenda be adopted.**

VOTED
SC05.5.33 **To approve the minutes of the February 12-13, 2005 meeting of the Southwestern Synod Council as edited to change "spending plan" on page 5 to "budget".**

TREASURER'S REPORT (Exhibit A)

Bill Maddox, interim treasurer, gives an overview of the financial status of the synod for fiscal year ending January 31, 2005 and presents the 2006-2007 budget as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee.

VOTED

SC05.5.34

To recommend to the 2005 Synod Assembly the audit report of the firm of Canerio, Chumney and Associates for Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Helmke presented the report to the Synod Council. The following items were discussed and voted upon:

1. Nominations for synod council treasurer: Bill Warncke and Roger Buchhorn.

VOTED

SC05.5.35

To ratify the nomination of Bill Warncke and Roger Buchhorn for synod treasurer as recommended by the Executive Committee of the Synod Council.

2. Gerry Hornstein was appointed to the Executive Committee.
3. Received the resignation of the Constitution Review Committee Chairperson, Michael Ahlstrom.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP REPORTS

1. Bishop Tiemann reported that the Synod Council resolution from the February Synod Council meeting concerning the recommendations of the ELCA Sexuality Task Force was forwarded and received by the ELCA Office of the Secretary.
2. He also reported that Anne Hilbert, Administrative Assistant will be resigning her position as of July 31, 2005.
3. Bishop Tiemann announced that New Life Lutheran Church, Dripping Springs will be officially welcomed as a Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community at the Synod Assembly.
4. Three churches in the synod have voted or will be voting to leave the ELCA: Trinity Lutheran , Blanco, voted by 7 votes to remain in the ELCA; St. Paul, Bulverde, voted on a first vote to leave the ELCA; and Our Savior, Victoria, will vote on July 17th.

ASSEMBLY ITEMS

Anne Hilbert gave information about registration, meals, t-shirt, and Yearbooks to the council members. Mark Helmke presented information from the Bulletin of Reports of the Assembly and action items for the Assembly.

VOTED

SC05.5.36

To recommend approval of the proposed agenda to the 2005 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly as edited to include the report of the Evangelism Leadership Team at 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2005.

VOTED

SC05.5.37

To recommend the Report on Compensation to the 2005 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly.

Bishop Tiemann presented a post-deadline resolution request for approval of the Synod Council to be included in the report of Reference and Council to the Assembly. After discussion of each resolution, votes were taken.

VOTED

SC05.5.38

For the Synod Council to grant authorization to bring Resolution #12 to the 2005 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly floor.

VOTED

SC05.5.39 For the Synod Council to grant authorization to bring Resolution #13 to the 2005 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly floor.

VOTED

SC05.5.40 For the Synod Council to grant authorization to bring Resolution #14 to the 2005 Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly floor.

The Synod Council meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES CORPORATION MEETING

The meeting convenes at 9:31.

The synod council members constitute the voting members of the corporation. The voting members voted to accept the nominations of Brad Hall, David Ladensohn, Steve Rode, Darrell Willerson, J.D. Marek, Balous Miller Henry Schulte and Betsy Zachry to serve a four year term expiring 6/30/09 on the SLLHM Board of Directors. The voting members also received and accepted the nominations of the Executive Committee of the SLLHM Board of Directors.

The meeting adjourns at 9:39 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gayle Gordon Bouzard, Synod Secretary

The Synod Council meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

As instructed by the Synod Council at the February 2005 synod council meeting, Bishop Tiemann reported on further discussion with the proposed Task Force on Congregational Conversation and Compassion (formerly the Task Force on Hospitality). He stated that the group proposing this task force has specified purposes and tasks and that he will continue to be in consultation with them.

ACTION ITEMS

VOTED

SC05.5.41 To approve the constitution of Camino Real Christian Fellowship, San Antonio, and the constitution of First Lutheran Church, Floresville.

VOTED

SC05.5.42 To approve the amendments to the constitution and by-laws of St. Mark Lutheran, Adkins.

VOTED

SC05.5.43 To postpone the motion from the Texas Lutheran University's Board of Regents to change its bylaws to read: "a majority of the Board of Regents shall be Lutheran" indefinitely.

The meeting closed with devotions and prayer by Bishop Tiemann.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Gayle Gordon Bouzard, Synod Secretary