

**Council of Directors**  
Church of the Lutheran Brethren  
October 10-11, 2019  
CLB – Conference Room, Fergus Falls, MN

**Agenda**

**Members Present:** Paul Larson, Matthew Rogness, LaWayne Rogness, Troy Tysdal, David Veum, Warren Hall, Michael Swenson, Mark Nienow (via Zoom), Greg Butler, Dennis Rude, Jonathan Overland, Noel Holtan, Richard Iverson, Scott Dunsmore, Matthew DeKok, Roger Viksnes, Luther Stenberg, Daniel Bundy, Nick Mundis, Douglas Bounds, Scott Skones, and Barbara Heggland.

**Members Absent:** Marcus Goodman

**Invited:** Steve Tonneson, Ryan Nilsen, Roy Heggland and Phil Heiser.

Meeting called to order and led in prayer by Chairman Swenson at 8:07 am.

Roy Heggland Appointed Secretary *pro tem*

**MMSC to approve the Agenda and schedule as presented (see tab 1)**

**MMSC for speaking rights for Steve Tonneson, Roy Heggland, Ryan Nilsen, and Phil Heiser**

President Larson led in singing Great is Thy Faithfulness and led us through his President's report using the contrast between Jesus' healing the two blind men from Mark 8 as an introduction to his report. (see tab 2)

LaWayne Rogness presented the financial reports (see tab 3)

**MMSC to approve minutes of Zoom COD meeting on June 4, 2019 (see tab 4)**

Barbara Heggland presented the WMCLB report. The changes in the Constitution and Bylaws which were the result of a strategic evaluation of Women's Ministries was highlighted.

Committee meetings and lunch.

Nick Mundis and Ryan Nilsen presented the NAM report (see tab 2 beginning with page 6). Each gave a brief bio of their lives which have led them to their present positions leading NAM.

Recommendation from NAM to have a representative from the Central Region.

Matthew Rogness presented the LBIM report (see tab 2 beginning with page 9 and tab 5)

IM Committee recommended to the COD the acceptance of the LBIM section of the President's Report.

IM Committee recommended to the COD the acceptance of the LBIM 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

**MMSC to accept the LBIM section of the President's Report and the LBIM 2018-2022 Strategic**

**Plan.**

David Veum presented the LBS Report and LBDI Strategic Plan. Six new courses are planned for each year through our distance learning capabilities led by Allan Bjerkaas. (see tab 6)

Phil Heiser presented the Associate for Ministry Support report (see tab 2 beginning with page 18). The Reconciliation Ministry was highlighted.

Troy Tysdal presented the Communications and Prayer Report (see tab 2 beginning with page 12 and tab 5). The promotional materials for the school ministry in Boudamasa was highlighted. Some large gifts have been received to further the ministry of the school.

LaWayne Rogness presented the Finance and Personnel Report (see tab 2 beginning with page 13 and tab 5)

Finance and Personnel Committee Report was presented by Matt DeKok and LaWayne Rogness. A clean audit report by our auditing company was presented.

**MMSC to accept the Audit Report.**

**MMSC to allow participation by part time or bi-vocational Licensed and Ordained Pastors in the CLB pension plan.**

**MMSC to direct the administration to pursue negotiations with Bethel Church and Hillcrest regarding the soccer field Hillcrest uses in the context of Bethel's need to expand it facilities.**

Steve Tonneson presented the Associate for Advancement Ministry report (see tab 2 beginning on page 15). Steve highlighted finding from some major donors on why they give, including aligning their own values with the values of the non-profit. He also highlighted the Cornerstone Network as a major part of the financial strength of our denomination.

Roy Heggland presented the Associate for Biblical Stewardship report (see tab 2 beginning with page 17). Roy highlighted that giving is not a means to and end but is really the focus of what Christ has done for us and desires us to do.

Meeting recessed at 5:00 pm

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 am Friday October 11.

Director Mundis and Associate Nilsen presented an overview of NAM plans. Mission Objectives are to Engage Our Mission Field and Multiply Disciples

**MMSC to approve the ordination of Seth Leivestad**

**MMSC to approve the ordination of Nick Laven**

**MMSC to approve the /ordination of Greg Rokos**

**MMSC to approve the/ ordination of Jon Ronnevik**

**MMSC to approve the ordination of Zac Smith**

**MMSC to approve changes and amendments dated October 2019 to the MOG Handbook as drafted by Professor Gene Boe and Director Matthew Rogness**

**MMSC to approve the changes to the Ministerial Acts concerning the Service of Marriage which incorporates the principles approved in the MOG**

The Council of Directors meeting was recessed for Hillcrest Lutheran Academy Sole Member Meeting

The meeting of the Council of Directors was reconvened.

The Chairman reported that the review of the President has been successfully completed.

Future COD meeting dates:

April 2-3, 2020 in Fergus Falls

May Budget meeting

2020 Biennial Convention June 13-16, 2020

COD Reorganization meeting immediately following BC 20 June 16, 2020

October 8-9, 2020 fall COD Meeting

**MMSC to adjourn the meeting.**

President Larson closed in prayer and the doxology was sung.

Pastor Viksnes reminded everyone of the day of prayer for our denomination on November 3, 2019.