

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD, ELCA
SYNOD COUNCIL
Minutes
June 3, 2017

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Council met for its reorganizational meeting on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at 4:15 p.m. in the Instrumental Rehearsal Room of the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts, Messiah College, Grantham, PA.

Vice President Lucinda L. Bringman called the meeting to order and led the council in an opening prayer.

The members introduced themselves to each other, giving their names and congregational membership and, if continuing members, their Synod Council committee membership and committee and conference liaison responsibilities. They also shared in three words what they planned to do that evening.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Bishop James S. Dunlop Thomas E. McKee	Lucinda L. Bringman Joseph M. Stepansky
	Eric N. Anderson Dana J. Blouch-Hanson Joel S.B. Folkemer Joyce E. Frigm Jered L. Hock Colleen M. Hoffman Emma L. Johns	Jennifer R. Lau Christine C. Lowe Jillian E. Riddle Beth A. Schlegel Timothy J. Seitz-Brown Stephanie M. Strauss Allen P. Stump
Staff present:	Sharron R. Blezard Robert C. Blezard Debbie M. Clark	Richard E. T. Jorgensen Jr. Marsha L. Roscoe
Members excused:	Darren M. Hamric Brenda D. Hartzell	Jayne A. LeGore
Staff excused:	Charlie R. Roberts III	

The vice president provided a brief orientation to the responsibilities of Synod Council members, explaining membership on Synod Council committees and liaison responsibilities to other committees and conferences. She distributed preference sheets and asked the members of Synod Council to write their contact information, including their cell phone numbers, and their preferences for Synod Council committees and liaison responsibilities.

There were no corrections or addition to the minutes. The minutes of the May 18, 2017, meeting of the Synod Council were approved as distributed prior to the meeting.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lucinda L. Bringman, vice president, proposed a modified ecclesiastical ballot for the election of the three Synod Council members of the Executive Committee. All members of the Synod Council were instructed to vote for no more than three Synod Council members for nomination and election to Executive Committee. The vice president appointed Debbie Clark as teller.

There were 18 ballots cast. Needed for election were 10 votes. The results of the balloting were: Jered L. Hock, 16; Pastor Beth A. Schlegel, 15; Pastor Joel S.B. Folkemer, 15; Pastor Dana J. Blouch-Hanson, 3; Joyce E. Frigm, 2; Pastor Timothy J. Seitz-Brown, 1; Jennifer R. Lau, 1; and Stephanie M. Strauss, 1. Vice President Bringman declared that Jered L. Hock, Pastor Beth A. Schlegel, and Pastor Joel S.B. Folkemer were elected as members of the Executive Committee.

ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR OF SYNOD COUNCIL

Vice President Bringman instructed the members of the Synod Council to vote for one of the following for vice chair of the Synod Council: Jered L. Hock, Pastor Beth A. Schlegel, or Pastor Joel S.B. Folkemer.

Eighteen ballots were cast. Needed for election were 10 votes. The results of the first ballot were Pastor Beth A. Schlegel, 11; Jered L. Hock, 5; and Pastor Joel S.B. Folkemer, 2. Vice President Bringman declared Pastor Beth A. Schlegel elected as vice chair of the Synod Council.

REPORT OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Dunlop moved the following:

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council grant the Rev. Robert W. Lowden “on-leave-from-call status, effective February 25, 2017, until June 10, 2017.
SC17.06.33.

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council call the Rev. Robert W. Lowden as the Intentional Interim Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Leola, effective June 11, 2017, until June 10, 2018.
SC17.06.34.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pastor Thomas McKee moved:

ADOPTED: That the Synod Council add the name of Joseph M. Stepansky, replacing the name of Bruce E. Seagrast as synod treasurer, to the list of the officers and Cathy Paul authorized to be signatories on all accounts of the Lower Susquehanna Synod.
SC17.06.35.

Bishop Dunlop asked for the names of individuals that he may appoint to the Task Force on the Use of Technology for Attendance at Meetings from Remote Sites. Suggested were the Rev. Joseph A. Veres JD, Deacon Marsha L. Roscoe, and the Rev. Dana J. Blouch-Hanson.

ADJOURNMENT

The members of Synod Council prayed together the Lord’s Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Thomas E. McKee
synod secretary
6/4/17

Approved September 21, 2017