Observer: Abby Triebel

Call to Order: Ms. Maria del Toro AT 7:30pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda: adopted

2. Adoption of the Minutes: 24 September 2016: adopted

3. “Tell your story”
   M. Del Toro shared.
4. Bishop’s Report
   A. Special Assembly cancellation: Bp. Rimbo explained reason to council
   B. Calls
      a. ELCA Deacon Carleen Miller: Executive Director, Church World Services effective 1 October 2016
      b. Deacon Florence Poeschke: retirement status effective 1 July 2016: for information
      c. The Rev. Donald Stiger: retirement status effective 1 September 2016

ACTION SC16:10/01
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council extend a call to Carleen Miller to serve as Senior Director for Operations, Immigration Refugee Program for Church World Services, New York City, effective October 1, 2016.
ADOPTED

ACTION SC16:10/02
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council acknowledge retirement status for the Rev. Donald Stiger, effective 1 September 2016.
ADOPTED

C. Appointments: Bp. Rimbo announced the following appointments
   a. Pastors Compensation Guidelines Task Force: Ms. Hazel Goldstein; Ms. Barbara Hansen; Pr. Harry Schenkel; Ms. Kathleen Schmidt; Mr. Frank Suttell
   b. Capital Improvement Grant Review Team: Ms. Hazel Goldstein
   c. Stewardship and Mission Support Table: Mr. Ravindra (Rob) Sinanan
   d. Assembly Planning Committee: Ms. Cynthia Corley (SC Liaison)
   e. Financial Management Committee: Ms. Sarah Poist
   f. Disaster Response Task Force: Pr. Michael Poole; Mr. John Tidona

5. Strategic Plan Implementation
   A. Strategic Plan Review and Refresh Update: M. Del Toro reported on the review and update.
   B. Gathered Committee
      M. Del Toro announced the resignation of The Rev. William Baum as chair and that the executive committee recommends the appointment of Ms. Hazel Goldstein as chair.

ACTION SC16:10/03
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoints Ms. Hazel Goldstein as Chair of the Gathered Strategic Committee, effective November 1, 2016.
ADOPTED

C. Congregation Capital Improvement Grants
   S. Brandt reported on the grant review process and presented the recommendations of the Grant Review Team.

ACTION SC16:10/04
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approves the Congregation Capital Improvement Grants, totaling $532,958, proposed by the Congregation Capital Improvement Grant Review Team and recommended by the Executive Committee.
ADOPTED, with 1 recusal (R. Schoepflin, whose congregation was awarded a grant)

6. New Business
   A. 2017 Pastors Compensation Guidelines  EXHIBIT B
      Pr. Schenkel reported on the work of the Guidelines Task Force and the process involved in making the recommendations.

ACTION SC16:10/05
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approves the 2017 Pastors Compensation Guidelines proposed by the Pastors Compensation Guidelines Task Force and recommended by the Executive Committee.
ADOPTED

B. Saint Peter’s, Manhattan: Lease / sale of property
   C. Vergara, M. Del Toro and K. Schmidt (members of Saint Peter’s Church) explained the terms of the agreement.

ACTION SC16:10/06
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council approves the lease/sale agreement between Saint Peter’s Church, Manhattan and Boston Properties for commercial properties owned by Saint Peter’s at 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY.
ADOPTED, with 2 recusals (M. Del Toro and C. Vergara who are members of Saint Peters)

C. Leif Ericson Day School Board elections

ACTION SC16:10/07
RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Council appoints the following individuals to serve on the Leif Ericson Day School Board effective September 1, 2016: Ms. Joanne Cavalleri and The Rev. Robert Wollenburg to one-year terms; Ms. Catherine Adams, Ms. Gail Adamski, and The Rev. Robert Isaksen to two-year terms; Mr. Eugene Higel, Ms. Lisamarie Alba, Mr. Mark Goodwin, and The Rev. Khader Khalilia to three-year terms; and The Rev. Gary Squire as the representative of the Metropolitan New York Synod Council.
ADOPTED

7. Observer’s Evaluation

8. Announcements

NO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 6, 2016 *

Adjourned at 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Schoepflin, Secretary