

# TLGC Synod Council Meeting

## Minutes

### April 19, 2008

The Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod met at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Texas on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 9:35-4:00

In Attendance,

Council Members: Karee Viergutz, Erika Canham, Wendy Lambeth, Nancy Cook, Dorothy Menke Smith, Arwin Strehlow, Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade, Bishop Mike Rinehart, Rev. David Tart, Kurt Goedecke, David Hollrah, Darryll Reimer, Sue Moehring

Absent: Rev. Pete Lopez, Rev. Gerald Westerbuhr,

Staff and Visitors, Rev. Herb Palmer, Reyna Periera, Rev. Fred de Oliveira,

**Vice-President Erika Soechting Canham called meeting to order at 9:35am**

#### **Past and Present**

SC. 04.08.01 Approval of Minutes: See attached

Corrections, Correction to spelling of name of McCullough, change to "vice-president"

Correct:

Change 17 to "During 2008"

Change 16 to "referred to Disaster Preparedness Task Force instead of "form a task force"

**Motion to approve; PASSED**

SC.04.08.02 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Arwin Strehlow See Attached,

SC.04.08.03 Bishop Rinehart presented organizational chart and identified and explained staff roles and responsibilities, See attached

SC.04.08.04 Heard Leadership Report from Rev. Herb Palmer (See Attached).

SC.04.08.05 Motion to approve the implementation of a procedure for approval of congregation constitutions, (see attached) by Kurt, Seconded by Sue

**Motion passed** with one abstention by Darryll

SC.04.08.06 Motion to form a transition team with the Melancthon Institute for the institute to come under the oversight of the synod by Bishop Rinehart, Seconded by Kurt

**Motion passed**

SC.04.08.07 Motion to adopt attached "Synod Disaster Response Plan", by Robin, Seconded by Sue (See Attached) **Motion Passed**

Motion to bless the formation of a separate 501(c)(3) corporation as a long term recovery response ministry to major disaster. Presented by Disaster Planning Task Force

Motion to amend to change "bless" to "approve" by David H. , Seconded by Nancy

**Amendment Passed**

Amended 2nd Main Motion:

Motion to approve the formation of a separate 501(c)(3) corporation as a long term recovery response ministry to major disaster. Presented by Disaster Planning Task Force

Motion to amend by inserting "under supervision of synod" after "corporation"

By Nancy, Seconded by Kurt

**Amendment Passed**

SC.04.08.08 Amended 3rd Main Motion

Motion to approve the formation of a separate 501(c)(3) corporation under supervision of synod as a long term recovery response ministry to major disasters. Presented by Disaster Planning Task Force

**Motion Passed**

SC.04.08.09 Heard 2009 compensation guidelines report by Kurt and had discussion (see attached)

SC.04.08.10 Motion to distribute copies of "2009 compensation guidelines for rostered persons" to council and approve them through email using reply all. By Wendy, Second by Sue

**Motion passed**

## **Future**

Bishop's Report: Action Items

SC.04.08.11 Motion to extend call to Galen Knutson as interim pastor in our synod. He is in on leave from call in the Minneapolis Synod. Motion by Bishop Rinehart, Seconded Dorothy

**Motion passed**

SC.04.08.12 Motion to approve "On Leave from Call Report" to synod council (see attached)

**Motion passed**

SC.04.08.13 Motion to extend call to Rev. Herb Palmer to serve our synod for one year as Director of Leadership, Seconded by Sue

**Motion passed**

SC.04.08.14 Motion to allocate 100% of Director of Leadership's salary as housing allowance. Seconded by Arwin

**Motion passed 11-2.**

SC.04.08.15 Motion to extend one year term letters of call to Rev. Erbey Gonzales (Ascension Lutheran Chapel – Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community) and Rev. Cindy Scott (New Life Ministries – Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community) as interim pastors, second Dorothy

**Motion passed**

SC.04.08.16 Discussed Bishop's Report as presented (see attached)

SC.04.08.17 Heard presentation of synod budget (see attached) by Rev. Fred Oliveira

SC.04.08.18 Motion to refer proposed budget for staff review and development and then email to synod council for recommendation to synod assembly. By David H. and seconded by Sue

**Motion passed**

SC.04.08.19 Motion to table discussion of the role of synod council to a future meeting by David H. ,  
Seconded by David T.

**Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. David Tart, acting secretary

Attachments:

1. Corrected Minutes from previous meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Bishop's Report
4. Organizational Chart
5. Leadership Report
6. Procedure of Approval of Synod Constitutions
7. Synod Disaster Response Plan
8. Synod Disaster Task Force Report
9. On Leave From Call Report
10. Proposed 2009 Budget

(Minutes approved Nov. 15, 2008)