

Swedish Lutheran Church of WDC

Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2011

Opening Anna-Carin Rooney opened the meeting with a prayer for our church and our congregation.

The meeting of the Swedish Church Board was called to order at 10:30 AM at Augustana church Washington DC by Anna-Carin Rooney.

Members Present: Arne Dunhem, Peter Edwardsson, Eva Hess, Eva Perdahl, Anna-Carin Rooney, Anneli Sexton, Christina Lazdins Secretary, Ann-Marie Brisbois, Gunnel Hamilton, Erland Magnusson, Ragnar Magnusson, Helen Sundqvist och Mona Svensson

A. Godkännande av protokollet/Approval of Agenda & Minutes:

Förra mötesprotokollet godkändes. I fortsättningen bör rubrikerna skrivas också på svenska. Kopia skickas också till George Mitchell ,Ragnar Magnusson och Annika O´Hara. / The last meeting notes were accepted. In continuation the headings are also to be written in Swedish. Copies should be sent to George Mitchell, Ragnar Magnusson and Annika O´Hara.

It was agreed to approve the meeting minutes by email to make the meetings be more time efficient.

B. Biskop Fasts besök/Bishop Fast's visit April 7-8

A hand out of the travel plans made for Bishop Fast's visit was handed out by Pastor Mona Svensson and was discussed in detail. The Bishop arrives Thursday April 7 with lunch on Friday and an ecumenical meeting at Augustana church followed by a service at 7:30 PM with refreshments afterwards. Participants in the ecumenical meeting are Anna-Carin Rooney, Christina Lazdins, Gunnel & Kenneth Hamilton, Pastor Kidd, the Norwegian head of church with wife and Pastor Cecilie Strommen.

C. Församlingsbladet / The Church Newsletter

Kommer ut först i slutet av maj – deadline 15 maj. Gunnel skickar ut påminnelse en a två veckor före deadline. The newsletter is published by the end of May. The deadline is May 15. Gunnel will mail a reminder one to two weeks before the deadline.

Diskussionen om församlingsbladets längd uppskjuts till nästa kyrkoråd då Arne, som tagit upp frågan, då är närvarande. The discussion regarding the length of the newsletter will be postponed until our next meeting since Arne, who brought the issue up, will be present.

D. Medlemsrapporten/Membership report by Anneli Sexton

Medlemsantalet. Anneli meddelade: 174 medlemmar, 84 adresser.

Membership numbers: Anneli Sexton reported we have 174 members, 84 addresses.

Please also see the report emailed on Tuesday 4/26/11.

E. Treasurer's Report by Peter Edwardson

Budgeten. Rubriken Administrative bör ändras till Insurance \$660, Administrative \$7. Anna-Carins vädjan om större kollekt hade effekt idag. Pengar behövs till Augustanas värmepanna. Bokbordet drog in \$85. Vi fortsätter med försäljning av svenska böcker. Anna-Carin tar hem överblivet till nästa gudstjänst.

The budget. The heading "Administrative" should be changed to "Insurance" \$660, "Administrative" \$7. Anna-Carin's plea to ask for more donations gave good results today. The money is needed for Augustana's heating system. The book table brought in \$85. We will continue to sell Swedish books. Anna-Carin brings home any leftovers for next service.

G. Diakoni / Social Ministry

Arne Dunehm will be collecting money for Martha's Table during church service. Mona Svensson is very interested in starting a program at Augustana.

H. Ungdomsgruppen / Youth Ministry

Tacksamma att Helen Sundquist vill ställa upp, vill gärna hjälpa henne. Hon har fått lista på konfirmanderna och ska skicka ut e-post till dem och till svenska skolan för barn i slutet av månaden. Syftet är att få ungdomar att träffas. Anna-Carin bad att Helen då ska föreslå någon aktivitet, t ex nästa gudstjänst eller picknicken i juni. Eva Perdahl påminde om au pair. Helen svarade att de inte har bil, bor i förorter. Anna-Carin genmälde att vi bör hålla kontakt med dem, även om de inte kan komma. Helen är nu också administratör för Facebook. Hon kan ta Anna Mitchell som hjälp och ev också Christinas dotter, George Mitchell och också Ragnar. Om vi vet deras önskemål kan vi organisera hämtning inför gudstjänsten. Kanske vill de också hjälpa till med söndagsskolan.

We are grateful that Helen Sundquist wants to handle the group and are happy to help. She has a list of the youth that have been confirmed and will email them and the Swedish School for children by the end of the month. The purpose is to have the youth meet. Anna-Carin asked that Helen suggest an activity for the next service or for the picnic in June. Eva Perdahl mentioned au pairs. Helen said that they don't have cars and live in suburbs. Anna-Carin said it would be good to be in touch with them even if they can't come. Helen is now also the administrator of Facebook. She can take Anna Mitchell to help and possibly also Christina's daughter. George Mitchell and Ragnar. If we know what they want we can arrange pick-up to attend a service. Perhaps they too want to help with the Sunday school

J. SWEA's Stipend

Gunnel erbjöd sig att skriva en ny ansökan om stipendium, denna gång om den årliga försäkringen och också om utgifter för retreatledaren.

Gunnel offered to write a new application for a stipend, this time on the yearly insurance and also regarding expenses for the retreat leader.

K. Övriga ärenden / Other business

Kyrkorådet fortsätter att mötas efter gudstjänsten. Vi hoppas att inte behöva betala för lokalen. Vi behöver inte betala för Biskop Fasts ekumeniska möte i Augustanas Social Hall. Info: Mr Riggs, Augustanas administratör, har gått i pension, ersatts av en dam, Laura.

The church board will continue to meet after the service. We hope we will not have to pay for the room. We do not have to pay for the ecumenical meeting with Bishop Fast in the social hall. Information: Mr. Riggs, the administrator for Augustana, has retired and been replaced by Laura.

e. Antalet gudstjänstbesökare var idag 43. Kenneth räknar.

The number of church goers today were 43. Kenneth is keeping count.

f. Mona undrade när ev konfirmander samlas – lördag eller söndag. Mona bestämmer. 3 tim var gång, sammanlagt 60 tim. Också ev avgift vid dop? Dop kommer att äga rum 30 april och i maj och juni. Dop är gratis, men donation mottas med tacksamhet.

Mona wondered when the prospective youth will gather to be confirmed on Saturday or Sunday. Mona will decide. Three hours meeting each time of 60 hours altogether. Should there be a fee for Christening? Christenings will be held on April 30, and in May and June. The Christening is free but a donation is gratefully appreciated.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM

Next Meeting - May 1 at 11:00 PM at Augustana Lutheran Church

Minutes submitted by: Christina Lazdins & Eva Hess

Approved online by email - Please check off your name below if you approve:

Ann-Marie Brisbois__

Arne Dunhem __

Peter Edwardsson__

Gunnel Hamilton __

Eva Hess __

Christina Lazdins Secretary

Erland Magnusson yes

Ragnar Magnusson __

Eva Perdahl __

Anna-Carin Rooney __

Anneli Sexton __

Helen Sundqvist __

Mona Svensson __