

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, DC
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Kyrkorådsmöte
Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 8308 Tomlinson Ave. Bethesda, MD 20817

Members Present - Deltagare: Bengt Bostrom, Arne Dunhem, Peter Edwardsson, Eva Hess, Anna-Carin Rooney

1. **Opening of meeting – Mötets öppnande:** Eva Hess opened the meeting followed by prayer by her.
2. **Review of quorum and proposed agenda – Deltagande och Dagordningens godkännande:** With the above members, quorum for the meeting was met and the proposed agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings – Godkännande av föregående mötesprotokoll:** Minutes from the January meeting were approved after minor corrections.
4. **Treasurer's report – Kassörens rapport:** Peter Edwardsson presented progress of the financial situation. Attendance was lower, and collections at the February service met the expenses but not much more. Payment for the organist should be discussed with Ib Pihlblad.
5. **Membership – Medlemskap** Membership forms had been received from about 60 members.
6. **Social Ministry - Diakoni** Eva Hess highlighted our continued participation with support to the Augustana program and she should make a short presentation at the Annual meeting.
7. **Youth group/Confirmation – Ungdomsgrupp/ Konfirmation** The working group of Christina Lazdins and Anna-Carin Rooney is making progress.
8. **Preparation for Annual Meeting – Förbedelser för årsmötet** A few additional points ought to be raised under other business at the Annual Meeting such as: views from the members of the current timing of the Church service, the arrangements for the next confirmation group, encouragement of member participation in working groups, for back-up in case of absence of Church board members, and for the coffee service.
9. **Newsletter – Församlingsbladet** The February-March issue has been issued.
10. **Other business – Övriga ärenden** Space for the June pick nick at Rock Creek park has been arranged. Anna-Carin Rooney has the permits.
The draft for "Församlingsinstruktion" was discussed briefly. For our congregation, with its by-laws as an independent church, the drafts of this prepared so far needs to be reviewed again by the Church board before presentation to our membership. It was explained as important, that our religious aspects of the service ought to conform with the Swedish Church guidelines, without modifying our present by-laws.
11. **Adjournment of meeting - Mötet avslutat:** The meeting was closed at 10.10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Bengt Bostrom.