

Swedish Lutheran Church of Washington, D.C.
Minutes
Church Council Meeting
Kyrkorådsmöte
January 25, 2011
7901 Ariel Way, McLean, VA

Attendance: Anna-Carin Rooney, Arne Dunhem, Peter Edwardsson, Eva Hess, Anneli Sexton and Erland Magnusson

1. **Opening** of meeting. *Mötets öppnande.* Anna-Carin Rooney wished everybody welcome and began the meeting with prayer.
2. **Review of agenda** and election of chair and secretary for the meeting. *Godkännande av dagordning för mötet och val av mötes funktionärer.* The agenda was approved after adding items for Other Business. Anna-Carin Rooney was elected chairperson and Erland Magnusson to serve as secretary for the meeting.
3. **Review and approval of minutes of the previous meeting.** *Godkännande av förra mötets protokoll.* The minutes from the November 16 council meeting were approved.
4. **Treasurer's report.** *Kassörens rapport.* Peter Edwardsson reported that the collections at the Advent service were \$1860 and \$ 1722 at the Christmas Eve event. The total collections for the year 2010 were about \$1500 under budget, while the income for the bazaar and coffee was over budget. The membership income is down by 25 % from last year. The net from the Christmas Eve collection after reduction of expenses was \$1293 and was submitted to Martha's Table. The Retreat ended with a loss of \$ 900. Anna-Carin Rooney offered a donation of \$ 450 to offset the loss, which was accepted. The remaining loss of \$ 450 will be treated as an expense.
5. **Annual Meeting.** *Årsmöte* The Annual Meeting will be held on March 6, after the church service. It will be announced in the newsletter to be distributed in late January, and again in late February. The annual report was reviewed by the Board and approved for presentation at the Annual Meeting with a minor change. The following members were suggested for nominations: Nominating Committee: Monica Andersson; Auditor: Eva Dunhem; New Board Members: Barbro Bauman, Christina Aberg, Per Kullstam and Christina Lazdins.
6. **Social Ministry.** *Diakoni.* Arne Dunhem will provide a summary of our support to Martha's Table during 2010 for inclusion in the January Newsletter. The amount contributed in 2010 was \$ 1700.
7. **Activities 2011** *Aktiviteter 2011* A picnic in June and a potluck dinner in the fall will be planned. A silent Retreat will be planned for the fall. It was decided that sales of articles at the coffee hour in the social hall will be allowed after approval by the Board

8. **Newsletter.** *Församlingsbladet.* The next Newsletter will be sent out in late January. It will not have financial information for 2010 or the 2011 budget, since these items have not been reviewed by the Board. These items and suggested nominations for Council members, Auditors and the Nominating Committee will be included in the next newsletter planned for late February. Both of these newsletters will announce the Annual Meeting on March 6. It was recommended that all newsletters are limited to four pages of text. They will come out six times per year. One in black and white will be printed and sent by mail before the Annual Meeting; the others will be sent by e-mail. Those sent by e-mail may include pictures in color.
9. **Marketing.** *Kyrkans marknadsföring.* This will be reviewed at later meetings.
10. **Other Business** *Övriga ärenden*
 - Membership** *Medlemsskap* The membership is down by 25 % from last year. An effort will be made to increase membership.
 - Sunday School** *Söndagsskola* Eva Hess and Christina Aberg will lead the Sunday school for small children
 - Request for Donations** *Ansökan om bidrag* SVEA will be asked for donations to the church for two items: 1) for reimbursement for the cost for the wireless microphone that was purchased last fall, and 2) for four collection bags
 - Information Sheet** *Informationsblad* The information sheet should be updated (Kenneth Hamilton and Eva Hess) and printed (Anneli Sexton), and be available at the church entrance at the next service, and as well for other Swedish organizations in the area.
11. **Next meeting** *Nästa möte* The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011.
12. **Adjournment.** *Mötets avslutande.* Anna-Carin Rooney thanked the members of the council, and the host Arne Dunhem, and adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erland Magnusson