

Meeting minutes – final
Mötesprotokoll
SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, D.C. (SLCW)
Church Council meeting
Kyrkorådsmöte
Sunday, February 1, 2015
Söndagen den 1 februari 2015
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Present: Pastor Mona Svensson, Anneli Sexton, Eva Perdahl, Sören Karlsson, Peter Edvardsson, Kristina Åberg, Christina Hoffman, Gunnel Hamilton, Annika O’Hara and Sunday school teacher Marie Jeffsell (stayed through item 8 below).

- 1. Opening of meeting – *Mötets öppnande.*** Council chair Anneli Sexton opened the meeting.
- 2. Review of quorum and agenda – *Fastställande av beslutsmässighet och dagordning.*** It was established that quorum was met. There was no formal agenda for the meeting.
- 3. Upcoming services – *Kommande gudstjänster.*** The Council decided on the following schedule:
 - March 1** – Second Sunday in Lent. No procession. (*2:a söndagen i fastan, ingen procession.*)
 - April 5** – Easter Sunday. Easter mass with special music. Procession. (*Påskdagen. Påskmässa med extra musik. Procession.*)
 - May 3** – Fifth Sunday after Easter. Folkmusic mass. Choir in procession. (*5:e söndagen i påsktiden. Årkemässa i folkton. Kören går i procession.*)
 - June 7** – Family service. No communion, no procession. Picnic afterwards. Sören will reserve a picnic site in Rock Creek Park. (*Familjegudstjänst. Ingen nattvard, ingen procession. Picknick.*)
 - September 13** – 15th Sunday after Trinity. Ordinary Sunday mass. No procession. (*15:e söndagen e. Trefaldighet. Vanlig söndagsmässa. Ingen procession.*)
 - October 4** – St. Michael’s Day. Family service. No communion, no procession. (*Den helige Mikael’s dag. Familjegudstjänst. Ingen nattvard, ingen procession.*)
 - November 1** – All Souls’ Day. No procession. Candlelight mass with Taizé songs. (*Alla Själar’s Dag. Ingen procession. Ljusbässa med Taizésånger.*)
 - December 6** – Second Sunday in Advent, to be celebrated as First of Advent. No communion. Include Sunday school children (song). Lucia procession. (*2:a söndagen i Advent, firas som 1:a Advent. Ingen nattvard. Inkludera söndagsskolebarnen (sång). Luciatåg.*)
- 4. Agenda for each service. *Gudstjänstagenan.*** Mona Svensson said that she needed help putting together the agenda before each service. We discussed introducing permanent agendas that can be reused. Sören Karlsson offered to help with this. No decision was taken.
- 5. Music Committee. *Musikkommittén.*** Eva Perdahl was selected to be the Council’s contact with the Music Committee.

6. Offering. Kollekt. The Council discussed whether the chairman should use her welcome greeting at the beginning of each service to announce how the offering will be used. No decision was made.

7. Payments to Augustana. Avgift till Augustana. Use of Augustana's microphone should be included in the rent since SLCW's equipment no longer works. We should also negotiate renting a special room at Augustana for the Sunday school, the pastor's private meeting with parishioners.

8. SLCW's website and Facebook page. SLCW's web- och Facebook-sida. Marie Jeffsell said that both the website and the Facebook page have pictures of congregation members, who may not have given their permission for this, as well as photos of children, maybe without their parents' approval. She emphasized the risk that such pictures could be abused. Peter Edvardsson and Sören Karlsson volunteered to be the Council's web committee and will contact webmaster George Mitchell about the posting of pictures and clarify who updates the Facebook page.

9. Annual meeting. Årsmöte. Mona Svensson confirmed that she will write the 2014 annual activities report as per SKUT standards. Anneli Sexton will send out the following documents to paying members of the congregation no later than 10 days before the annual meeting: Announcement, agenda, minutes from the 2014 annual meeting, the 2014 finance report, and the proposed budget for 2015. Sören Karlsson announced that he will propose raising the membership fee at the annual meeting.

10. Finance report for 2014. Finansrapporten för 2014.

The Council approved the 2014 finance report presented by treasurer Christina Hoffman.

11. Proposed budget for 2015. Budgeten för 2015. The Council approved the budget proposed by Christina Hoffman with two changes: The payment to organist Stefan Brodd will go up from \$150 to \$200 per service starting in March 2015 and the Christmas bonuses for Stefan and music director Kerstin Hendrickson will increase from \$150 to \$200 per person. Anneli Sexton announced that she will apply for a \$750 grant from SWEA for the music program.

12. 2016 budget. Mona Svensson pointed out that a budget proposal for 2016 must be sent to SKUT by June 1. SLCW will provide the statistics for 2015. In that context, it was reported that today's service was attended by 34 congregants. Six children went to Sunday school. The offering was \$688. The Council decided that the ushers should count the number of attendants at each service.

13. Candles. Ljus till ljusbäraren. Sören Karlsson volunteered to take responsibility for the candles as part of his usher duties. Mona Svensson will find out the name of the American producer of the candles that fit the special Swedish candle holder.

Respectfully submitted

Annika O'Hara, secretary