

Washington DC Parish of Church of Sweden Abroad (SLCW, Inc)

Church Council meeting *Kyrkorådsmöte*

Meeting minutes *Mötesprotokoll*

Sunday, May 3, 2015 – 11:00am – 12:00pm

Söndagen den 3 maj 2015, 11.00 – 12.00

Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Present: Pastor Mona Svensson, Eva Perdahl, Vice Chair, Ann-Marie Brisbois, Sören Karlsson, Marie Jeffsell, Gunnel Hamilton, Secretary on Speaker phone. During item 4 Agneta Mitchell and Peter Edwardsson joined the meeting.

1. **Opening of the meeting – *Mötets öppnande.*** Vice Chair Eva Perdahl opened the meeting and asked the pastor to say a prayer.
2. **Review of quorum and agenda – *Fastställande av beslutsmässighet och dagordning.*** It was established that quorum was met.
3. **Confirmation of Sören Karlsson as Vice Chairman of SLCW – *Fastställande av Sören Karlsson som vice ordförande.*** The churchboard confirmed Sören Karlsson as Vice Chairman of SLCW.
4. **Decision Regarding Additional Representation at SKUT Conference August 2015 – *Beslut angående ytterligare representant vid SKUT konferensen augusti 2015.*** The churchboard decided to send, Vice Chair Sören Karlsson to the conference in Uppsala. SLCW pays for all the expenses at the conference. Chair Anneli Sexton whom the churchboard also decided to send, is having her costs paid by SKUT. Her travel costs will be covered too.
5. **Reports – Rapporter**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report – *Kassörens rapport*** Refer to provided report and comments. – Referera till tillgängliga dokument. The churchboard reviewed the Treasurer's provided report and comments.
 - b. **Membership – *medlemskap*** Sören Karlsson reported on the status of membership. There was no change.
 - c. **Newsletter and Website – *Informationsbladet och nätsidan*** Sören Karlsson informed that he was going to send out a Newsletter (nyhetsblad) once a month.
6. **Preparation of Church Service and Picnic June 7, 2015 – *Förberedelse av gudstjänst och picknick 7 juni, 2015*** We were informed that parking place 9 in Rock Creek Park had been reserved.
7. **Information by Pastor Svensson – *Kyrkoherden har ordet***
 - a. Churchboard and pastor decided to have a Family Mass on Sunday June, 7 2015.
 - b. The Pastor suggested to the churchboard to have a churchboard meeting every second month. The churchboard decided to approve the suggestion, since nothing in the By-Laws prevented it. Next churchboard meetings will be on September, 13 and on November, 1.
 - c. Moreover the Pastor suggested to have two members of the churchboard verifying the minutes. No decision was made.
 - d. Also the minutes should reflect the decision made by the churchboard. The discussions on each item were not needed in the minutes. No decision was made.
 - e. Pastor Svensson mentioned that no names should be mentioned in the minutes, if it should appear on the Web site. No decision was made.
 - f. Minutes from April 7, 2015 Minor changes were suggested. No approval of minutes was made.
 - g. Churchboard and Pastor decided that Church Instruction *Församlingsinstruktion* needed some revision before being sent to Uppsala. A committee was chosen to do this. Members of the committee are Pastor Svensson, Eva Perdahl and Marie Jeffsell.

8. **Other Business – Övriga ärenden** A question about buying church candles(stearinljus) for the candle tree (ljusbäraren) was asked. The Pastor will try to order candles to Augustana, Washington, DC through the same source in Sweden that the Church in New York uses. Church board was grateful to this commitment.
9. **Adjournment** *Mötets avslutande*. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted



Gunnel Hamilton