

Washington DC Parish of Church of Sweden Abroad (SLCW, Inc)
Church Council meeting *Kyrkorådsmöte*
Meeting minutes *Mötesprotokoll*
Sunday, October 4, 2015 – 11:00am – 12:30pm
Söndagen den 4 oktober 2015, 11.00 – 12.30
Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Present: Pastor Mona Svensson, Anneli Sexton, Chair, Sören Karlsson, Vice Chair, Ann-Marie Brisbois, Eva Perdahl, Marie Jeffsell, Agneta Mitchell, Peter Edwardsson, Annika O'Hara, and Gunnel Hamilton.

1. **Opening of the meeting** – *Mötets öppnande*. Chair Anneli Sexton opened the meeting with prayer.
2. **Review of quorum and agenda** – *Fastställande av beslutsmässighet och dagordning*. It was established that quorum was met. There was no agenda for the meeting.
3. **Report from the SKUT Conference in Uppsala August 2015.** – *Rapport från SKUT konferensen i Uppsala augusti 2015*. Anneli Sexton gave a report from the SKUT Conference in Uppsala that she and Sören Karlsson attended. They were both very content with the meeting and hoped that a follow up meeting could be arranged with the representatives from the other churches in the US next spring.
4. **Information by Pastor Svensson.** – *Information av pastor Svensson*. She informed us that we should have received the "kick off money" from the Swedish Church in Sweden, but according to Annika O'Hara we had not. We had no knowledge of this money. Mona was going to check on it. She also suggested that the mail to our congregation should not be a burden on the administration at Augustana. Marie Jeffsell volunteered to look into this question, to arrange renting of a Post Office Box and to be the one taking care of the mail. Moreover we were updated on the candidates that had applied for the job as Pastor to succeed Mona Svensson in February. Finally we were all encouraged to go to Pastor John Kidd's last service on Sunday, November 1. Since this will be his last service before he retires. There will be no churchboard meeting that Sunday. We discussed giving Pastor Kidd a Dalecarlian horse and a tie pin as a memory of the Swedish Church.. Pastor Svensson reminded us that she is going to the "Värdegrundutbildning" in Sweden for a week and will get the Kyrkoalmanacka for the members on the churchboard. January 10 will be the her last service.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – *Kassörens rapport*. The churchboard reviewed the Treasurer's provided report and comments.
6. **Upcoming events.** – *Planerade aktiviteter*.
 - a. Ann-Marie Brisbois gave some updates on the SWEA Christmas bazar on Saturday, December 5 at 11.00am - 4pm at House of Sweden. Swedish Church will get an information table for free. Information handouts will be updated by Gunnel Hamilton. Membership forms will be provided by Sören Karlsson. Flyers are made by Christina Hoffman.
 - b. Ann-Marie Brisbois will be responsible for the Advent's coffee on Sunday, December 6 at 4pm.
7. **Request. Förfrågan.** – Marie Jeffsell requested a mat for the children to sit on during Sunday school. The Churchboard approved the request. She also expressed an interest in finding people who are really interested and engaged for the children. The plan is still in process to have a place for mothers and children to meet during the day. That would acquire at least one employed person. The facility could be used for other activities too.

8. **Other business.** – *Övriga frågor.*
 - a. Sören Karlsson suggested the churchwarden should sit in front of the congregation and lead by example as far as sitting down, standing up as indicated by the program.
 - b. Some concerns were expressed about the music groups choice of music at the service. Eva Perdahl is the contact person for the music. She will forward the request that the music should be more coordinated with the texts.
9. **Adjournment** *Mötets avslutande.* The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted

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