

Swedish Lutheran Church of Washington DC
Church Council meeting *Kyrkorådsmöte*
Meeting minutes *Mötesprotokoll*
Sunday, October 2, 2016, 10.30 am – 12.40 pm
Söndagen den 2 oktober 2016, 10.30 – 12.40
Augustana Lutheran Church, 2100 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington, DC

Present: (*Närvarande*): Pether Ström Broman (pastor, *kyrkoherde*), Sören Karlsson (chairperson, *ordförande*), Rahel Tekle (treasurer, *kassör*), Elin Hofverberg, Agneta Mitchell, Anneli Sexton, Peter Edwardsson, Gunnel Hamilton (secretary). **Not present:** Ann-Marie Brisbois och Marie Jeffsell-Lema.

- 1. Opening of the meeting.** *Mötets öppnande.* Chair Sören Karlsson welcomed everyone and asked Pastor Ström Broman to open the meeting with a prayer.
- 2. Proof of Notice.** *Godkännande av kallelsen.* Notice was approved.
- 3. Review of Quorum and Agenda.** *Fastställande av beslutsmässighet och dagordning.* Quorum was met and the agenda was approved of.
- 4. Reviewing and approval of minutes.** *Godkännande av protokoll.* Minutes from May 5 and September 11 were reviewed and with minor changes approved of.
- 5. The Pastor's Forum.** *Pastorn har ordet.* Reverend Pether Ström Broman informed the church board that the money the churchboard received from SKUT is ? to be used for needs of the board. We also got reimbursed ? for the month of August.
- 6. The Chair's Forum.** *Ordföranden har ordet.* Chair Sören Karlsson brought up the postponed question from last boardmeeting about looking for a new location for the church services. Anneli Sexton reminded us of how important Swedish Church has been to Augustana. And how much we have helped them paying for renovations and other expenses. The relationship between Augustana and Swedish Church has been good. She suggested that Chair Sören Karlsson should speak to the new Pastor at Augustana about changing the time for our service. The board approved her suggestion.
- 7. Treasurer's Report.** *Kassörens rapport.* Treasurer Rahel Tekle submitted her treasurer's report. The economy is good. She suggested that members should be encouraged to pay their membership earlier. She thought the churchboard ought to thank Annika O'Hara the ex Treasurer for her excellent job. The board is in favour.
- 8. Review of the outdoor service in Rock Creek Park.** *Utvärdering av friluftsgudstjänsten den 5 juni.* The outdoor service in Rock Creek Park on June 5 was highly appreciated and it had many visitors.
- 9. Review of the Jenny Lind concert.** *Uppföljning av Jenny Lind konserten.* The concert was held in Augustana Lutheran Church at the end of June. 200 people came. Musician and singer got \$350 each. Chair Sören Karlsson who was in charge of this event expressed his delight. He hopes that Swedish Church will have this event next year again.
- 10. Schedule of services.** *Gudstjänstschema.* Postponed.
- 11. New people in charge of Sunday school and coffee.** *Nya ansvariga för söndagsskola och fika.* Postponed.
- 12. New webmaster.** *Ny webmaster.* Postponed.
- 13. Training for the churchboard.** *Kyrkorådsutbildning.* Training may take place in New York at the end of March. Pastor Ström Broman and Chair Sören Karlsson will be in charge.
- 14. Global Church Forum.** *Globalt kyrkorådsforum.* Chair Sören Karlsson informed that he was going to take part in a global Church Forum on October 18. This is a video conference.

15. **Bible Study Group.** *Bibelstudiegrupp.* Per Kullstam a church member has started a bible study group. He wants more members in the Swedish Church to join. Per's invitation will be sent to the members.
16. **Buy of materials.** *Inköp av material.* Discussion about buying candles to the candle tree (ljusbäraren). Chair Sören Karlsson is going to talk to SKUT in Uppsala and also to the Swedish Church in New York about handling the matter.
17. **Inventory of the Jewelry.** *Smyckesinventering.* Chair Sören Karlsson informed that he now has the jewelry. He hopes to sell some of it in church for Christmas and at the bazar in New York.
18. **Planning of Advent service.** *Planering inför adventsgudstjänsten.* Discussion followed. No plans were set.
19. **Other Business.** *Övriga frågor.* Question from Treasurer Rahel Tekle about sending out the Membership Directory. It will be sent out as soon as it has been updated.
20. **Next meeting.** *Nästa sammanträde.* Next meeting will be held be on November 6.

Adjournment-Mötets avslutning. Chairman Sören Karlsson thanked everybody for their contributions. The meeting was adjourned at 12.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Gunnel Hamilton
Secretary

/s/

Elin Hovferberg
Reviewer