The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM by Vice President Doug Miller. Mark Nelson offered the opening devotion.

SC12.06.35MSC (Valler/Hertless) to adopt the Agenda

SC12.06.36MSC (Daetz/Johnson) to approve May council minutes

New Member Orientation

Vice President Miller presented the document “Overview of the Synod Council and its Members” highlighting areas in which there have been changes.

SC12.0637MSC (Johnson/Daetz)

Invite the secretary to coordinate a process that will produce a draft revision of “Overview of the Synod Council and its Members” by the next Synod Council meeting.

Reports

Addendum to Bishop’s written report. The Bishop has had follow up tests that indicate no active cancer. He does NOT need to start chemotherapy in July and he will be able to go to youth gathering in New
Orleans. Bishop Mark and Debi will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary next month, right before their grandson will be baptized.

Nancy reported she has been very busy—especially with pastoral vacancies. For the first time, the Synod does not have enough “intentional interim pastors” to support all congregations needing them. The Synod currently has 28 vacancies.

The “Macedonia Project”, based on Paul’s letter to the Macedonians to increase stewardship, will begin soon. It will impact all congregations. We will receive $10K to support this project from a grant that Linda Lownes developed. The project includes education materials based on the book “100 Dresses” that will be provided to congregations to assist in educating groups, children and adults.

Old Business

SC12.06.38MSC (Daetz/Nelson) to appoint Linda Lownes treasurer for a 4 year term.

SC12.06.39MSC (Johnson/Kerney) In order to permit the Rev. Cindy Beck to benefit from the provisions of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Synod Council specifies that the total compensation paid to her during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 includes a housing allowance.

Pastor Beck estimates that she will spend $23,000 during the year for housing expenses. Since such approval by the Synod Council would permit her to deduct that amount from her taxable income and has no further effect upon our budget, it is RESOLVED, that the total compensation include a housing allowance of $23,000.

Life Lutheran in Richmond Settlement Agreement

Bishop Mark provided a letter from Life Lutheran Church thanking the Bishop and Synod for the agreement reached between them and the Synod. The congregation will quit claim the ownership of the church property to the Synod and the Synod will withdraw the pending lawsuit with prejudice.

SC12.06.40MSC (Executive Committee) Motion to approve the settlement agreement and mutual release between Life Lutheran Church in Richmond and the Synod. Authorize the Bishop to sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release on the Synod’s behalf

Synod Council Representation

The synod needs to select 13 voting members to attend the Church-wide Assembly in August 2013 in Pittsburg. Our Bishop and Vice President are two of the thirteen. At the recent synod assembly, we elected 15 potential voting members from our five districts. From that 15, the Executive Committee selected 11 proposed voting members using a process that gave preference for youth and persons of color and had a goal of maintaining a balance between clergy and lay and male and female. That process resulting in the following:

Those recommended as voting members are Molly Calhoun, Jason Bense, Mariah Spring Seitzinger, Paul Larson, Linda Boston, Amanda Briggs, Dale Loepp, Anita Warner, Stephanie Leong, Joseph Haletky,
Merle Hanson, Mark Holmerud, and Doug Miller. Alternates in priority order were: Sharon Seegmiller, Jim Goldsmith, Catherine Gulbrantson, and Jeff Rinders

**SC12.06.41MSC** (Executive Committee) Motion to approve the process and the results of the process selecting 13 voting members from the Synod at Church-wide Assembly in August 2013.

**Synod Assembly Resolution 2112-08**

Item postponed until report and recommendation is received from the Resolutions Committee

**Mt. Cross Update**

Synod representatives are meeting with Speed Leas, facilitator from the Urban Institute. He is scheduling a meeting with representatives of our synod and the LCMS to discuss the camp’s future.

**2112 Assembly Feedback**

Steve Herzfeldt suggested that the Synod Council develop a program using Synod Council members to assist congregations. This discussion continued the next morning where the proposal became more specific as follows:

Individual synod council members do the following with 18 selected congregations

- Administer a survey on knowledge about the synod, its programs and finances
- Visit the church on a Sunday
- Visit a subsequent church council meeting
- Establish efforts to assist congregation with problems they identify,
- Measure the effectiveness of this program

**SC12.06.42** Consensus decision to ask Steve Herzfeldt and James Anderberg to work with a designated staff member to develop and implement a “Synod Council Outreach to Congregations” project involving synod council members. Steve and James agreed to spearhead this effort and they will develop a proposal to move forward by July.

**Elder Care Alliance (ECA) Presentation**

Adriene Iverson and Jesse Jansen talked to the Synod Council in its role as a corporate member of the ECA. Adriene indicated they may sell Salem Lutheran Home and develop a new health care community with the proceeds. They are working on developing a vision statement for the ECA.

**New Business**

Consent Calendar

**SC12.06.43MSC** (Executive Committee) CONSENT AGENDA

Renewal of Pr Reinholtzen non-stipendiary call to University Lutheran Chapel in Berkeley
SC Executive Committee Election

Our constitution provides that we need to elect 3 Executive Committee members each year from the Synod Council membership. Current members on the Executive Committee representing the Council are Newt Kerney, Adisa Armand-Miller, and Jeff Johnson.

SC12.06.44M Nominated Jeff Johnson, Gisela Daetz, Adisa Armand-Miller, and Mark Nelson to the three Executive Committee vacancies

SC12.06.45MSC (Meckler/Ellis-Falik) moved nominations be closed.

Adisa Armand-Miller, Jeff Johnson, Mark Nelson were elected.

SC 12.06.46MSC. (Daetz/Valler) Moved to approve the vote of Oakhurst Lutheran Church congregational council in 2011 to disaffiliate from the ELCA based on Chapter 9.62g of the ELCA Constitution.

SC 12.06.47MSC (Daetz/Valler) Appoint Jeff Johnson to serve on the New and Renewing Congregations Committee

SC12.06.48MSC (Wilfrid/Daetz) Appoint Jack Pease (with his agreement) to serve on the New and Renewing Congregations Committee

SC12.06.49MSC (Daetz/Garabedian) Moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to act on the Synod Council’s behalf in selecting the final two members for the Investment Committee.

Liaison Assignments

Liaisons to Mission Partners:

- Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) Elaine Whitney
- Mt. Cross- Gisela Daetz
- Lutheran Social Services (LSS)-Sue Hertless
- Warner Trust-Carl Wilfred, Kristina Garabedian, Rosie Ellis-Falik
- LAMN-Larry Struve
- Lutheran Office Of Public Policy-Joseph Husary
- Elder Care Alliance (ECA)-Newt Kerney
Candidacy Committee-Susan Birkelo
Council of Deans-Carl Wilfrid
Global Mission-Jeff Johnson

Liaison to Conferences
Redwood-Perry Gray-Reneberg
Vineyard-Newt Kerney
Gateway-Newt Kerney
Delta/Diablo-Sue Hertless
Northern Mountain Valley-Doug Miller
Sierra Nevada-Carl Wilfrid
Foothill-Kay Valler
Sacramento-James Anderberg
San Francisco-Elaine Whitney
East Bay-Rose Ellis-Falik
Southern Alameda-Joseph Husary
Peninsula-Joseph Husary
Santa Clara-Gisela Daetz
Monterey Bay-Mark Nelson
Central San Joaquin- Sarah Meckler
Central Valley-Steve Herzfeldt
Central San Joaquin-Kristina Garabedian

We made the following appointments of Synod Council members:

- Campus Ministry
  - Sarah Meckler
- Discipling Teams
  - Witness—Still Open
  - Stewardship-Gisela Daetz
Leadership - James Anderberg

- Gift Acceptance Committee
  - Treasurer Linda Lownes, Chair
  - James Anderberg
  - Gisela Daetz

- Investment Committee
  - Bishop or Designee
  - Linda Lownes
  - Jim Goldsmith
  - Two members elected by Synod Council
    - Executive Committee will finalize the last two members
    - Linda Smith-Good Shepard, Reno a possibility

- New and Renewing Congregations Committee
  - Bishop or Bishop’s designee
  - Linda Lownes (one member of the Executive Committee)
  - Jeff Johnson and Jack Pease (if he agrees)
  - Director for Evangelical Mission - when filled

- Two members of synod assembly planning committee
  - Kristina Garabedian
  - Kay Valler

- Liaison to Council of Deans
  - Carl Wilfrid

Prayer Partners
Elaine Whitney-Linda Lownes      Kay Valler and Sue Hertless
Carl Wilfred and Gisela Daetz    Mark Nelson and James Anderberg
Sarah Meckler and Rosie Ellis-Falik Larry Struve and Katy Grindberg
Doug Miller and Jeff Johnson     Jim Goldsmith and Dennis Jones
Joseph Husary and Nancy Nelson  Kristina Garabedian and Adisa Armand-Miller
Karen Idler and Susan Birkelo    Perry Grey-Reneberg and Jose Luis La Torre
Mark Holmerud and Newt Kerney   Laura Gaumer and Steve Herfeldt

Schedule for Devotions and Snacks

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The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Doug Miller at 11:50 AM on June 23, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Jones
Synod Secretary