

**Synod Council phone meeting January 20, 2013
DRAFT Minutes**

Conference call began 1:00 pm. Members participating in call: Bp. Mike Rinehart, Evan Moilan, Pr. Sue Beall, Eileen Doll, Pr. Diane Campbell, Don Hodde, Dudley Piland, Pr. Brad Otto, Sara Ray, Paul Monroe.

Members not participating: John Turnquist, Pr. Barb Simmers, Pr. Brad Fuerst, Sarah Flores, David Hollrah.

Guests: Pr. Don Carlson, Peggy Hahn

Meeting started 1:05 pm with devotions by Bp. Rinehart on the parable of the Prodigal Son. Prayer for David Hollrah, whose mother died Thursday.

Evan announces Paul Monroe is acting as secretary. Minutes of November 10, 2012 meeting reviewed. Correction: In attendance, Eileen Doll.

MS to approve minutes as corrected, passed unanimously.

Paul Monroe presented financial statements for 11 months ending December 31, 2012.

MS to receive financial statements, passed unanimously.

Paul Monroe presented status of prior year audit (completed!) and selection process for current year audit.

Evan presented need to appoint audit committee of 3 council members and 3 non-council members. Non-members nominated: Linda Morrison (St. Paul's LaGrange) by Dudley Piland; George Adams by Don Hodde. Members suggested: Dudley Piland, Don Hodde, David Hollrah. Evan stated the recruitment of committee would be completed by Executive Committee, and recruited committee members will be presented for council email vote. Executive Committee will approve final selection of auditor.

Budget presented by Bp. Rinehart with comments by Peggy Hahn.

MS to approve budget for submission to Synod Assembly, passed unanimously.

Housing allowance for Bp. Rinehart (\$27,000) and Pr. Don Carlson (\$30,000) were presented, since omitted from materials.

MS to approve housing allowance, passed unanimously.

Pr. Don Carlson made his report, with necessary votes.

MS to approve pastors on Ob Leave From Call status, passed unanimously.

MS to approve Kiho Song going on Retired status, passed unanimously.

Proposed list of authorized SALMs presented. Brian Schulz name misspelled,

Todd Lagrange (St Mark, Metairie) was added after being inadvertently omitted. MS to approve listed SALMs, passed unanimously.

Bp. Rinehart opens discussion about implementation of strategic plan, and immediately asks Peggy Hahn to present status of Ministry Result Area 3: We will establish a new, separately funded Partnership for Ministry Excellence. She gave an extensive (33 minute) review based on her PowerPoint presentation.

Bp. Rinehart reviewed progress on other Ministry Result Areas. The new synod website, and the exemplar congregational website version 1.0, will be rolled out by Synod Assembly.

Pr. Don Carlson presented synodical specialized calls, inadvertently omitted from materials and email to council members during phone meeting. Mike or Don will talk to Walt Erhard to determine his current status.

MS to approve synodical specialized calls, passed unanimously.

Prayer by Bp. Rinehart. Meeting adjourned 2:58 pm.