

- Called the meeting to order with prayer.
- Minutes from previous meeting: reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as printed was seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's report: reviewed (see attached). Motion to accept was seconded. Motion carried.
- Dean's report: reviewed (see attached).
 - Information was discussed and is contained in the Dean's Report.
 - Request was made for additional volunteers to serve on the Seminary Support Team if anyone is interested.
 - Opportunities to attend or get more information on the Journey Jam concert at Journey of Faith Lutheran in North Ridgeville and the Lutheran Lay Renewal was presented. An announcement was made for the 175th anniversary of Zion, Stone Creek on October 16th, 2016 (date corrected from what was printed).
 - Information about the congregations in the NEOMD was presented and corrections were requested. A form was passed around to be updated.
- The Dean announced the end of his term and the need to vote for a Dean as well as secretary, one clergy, one lay rep and the regional lay rep. Nominations were opened.
 - Nominations made:
Dean: Bob Quaintance (3 Year Term)
Clergy: Traci Featheringham (3 Year Term)
Lay: Jim Slanker (3 Year Term)
Secretary: Pastor Harrison Gapter (who was absent, but contacted online and by phone)
(2 Year Term)
Lay Rep to the Regional Council: Elizabeth Ridenour (1 Year Term)
- Voting was put on hold for the Secretary and Lay Rep to Regional Council as no one was nominated who could accept at the time. The other three positions were elected by acclamation as no ballots were needed.
- Discussion about the proposed budget ensued.
 - A suggestion was made to send a reminder about benevolence requests to the congregations at some point during the year.
 - Another suggestion regarding the appropriate donation amount for a congregation was made. This could be based on the size (and ability for support) of the congregation.
 - Reasons for supporting the NEOMD need to be provided to the congregations. One idea of possible gatherings, such as those of a celebratory nature (500th anniversary of the Lutheran Church) could be part of those suggestions.
- Motion and second to pass the budget as written was made. A vote with the understanding that the budget will need to be made more realistic in the future was made and passed unanimously.
- Comments about adjustments to the NEOMD constitution were presented with the understanding that we cannot act on those changes at this time. These will need to be discussed and voted upon with adequate advanced notice.
- News of good works by the churches of the NEOMD was shared. Journey of Faith and Zion shared about things their congregations were doing to reach out to their communities.
- After a call was made to Pastor Harrison Gapter, he accepted the nomination for Secretary with the understanding that if it became overwhelming, he would need to resign.

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- Elizabeth Ridenour accepted the nomination noted above and the last two positions were filled by acclamation and the meeting was adjourned.
- All joined in the Lord's Prayer before leaving.