

**MALSM MEETING MINUTES**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> 2008**  
**SEQUANOTA CAMP, JENNERSTOWN PA**

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Josh Kelly – President
- Amanda Tompkins – Vice president
- Alyson Ledder – Secretary
- Alex Wyllie – Treasurer
- Meaghan Byrne – Retreat Coordinator
- Shaun Antrim – SEICO
- Philip Meuschke – Bay Area Rep
- Lauren Finnila – Jersey Rep
- Amy Appleton – Eastern PA Rep

**OFFICERS EXCUSED FROM THE MEETING**

- Gabe Newman-West Pa Rep
- Peter Bredlau – Advisor
- Erin Markel – Webmistress

**GENERAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Christy Alvord
- Tim Ness
- Mike Scuderi
- Alice Hurst
- Becky Mastin
- Taryn Schlitzer

**START TIME:** 10pm

**END TIME:** 12am

**EVENTS OF THE MEETING:**

- Philip opened in prayer
  
- Josh explained the purpose of the meeting to update all the members on what their officers are doing and to do the work of the ministry
  
- Mike motioned to approve the agenda after adding Ang Illar as a candidate for MALSM advisor
  - Tim seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously
  
- Meaghan motioned to approve the minutes from the last general assembly meeting in Denver, Co
  - Lauren seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously
  
- First order of business – Officer Reports
  - Not all officers were required to speak but were invited to
  - Josh Kelly – President
    - Applauded all the leaders currently and shared his feelings towards the future of MALSM
    - Invited all general members to join the monthly meeting because they could share their voice also detailed how each meetings' minutes were posted on the website

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- First order of business – Officer Reports Cont.
  - Amanda Tompkins – Vice President
    - Played a key role in planning for the Social and Service
    - Keeps in constant communication with Josh
    - Her role with the Executive Committee and the cover letters
    - Working with Synods and Youth
      - Attended the SEPA Synod’s FLY Event
  - Alyson Ledder – Secretary
    - Responsible for keeping minutes and any internal administrative responsibilities
    - Her role with the Executive Committee and the cover letters
    - Detailed the College Map project she is working on and passed around a copy of the maps completed to date (7 of 10)
  - Alex Wyllie – Treasurer
    - Working to get MALSM as a non-profit organization status
    - Working to get a state id to create a bank account
      - Cost of \$70 to get the id
    - Working with Sovereign Bank to set-up the account
      - Can set up a business account to have more people with signing power on the account (total 5 people)
  - Meaghan Byrne – Retreat Coordinator
    - Responsible for planning the retreats
    - Emphasized how the planning process is starting earlier
  - Shaun Antrim – SEICO
    - Stated that his job is vague and that he is more or less a jack of all trades willing to help out where needed
    - Has an interest in youth
  - Amy Appleton – Eastern PA Rep.
    - Attended the FLY event for the SEPA Synod
    - Emphasized the growth in Muhlenberg attendance
    - Discussed the upcoming SEPA and NEPA Synod Councils
  - Lauren Finnila – Jersey Rep
    - Said her goal was to get NJ more involved and encourage participation there
    - The NJ synod is on board with college ministry
    - Attended her Senior High Youth event
  - Philip Meuschke – Bay Area Rep
    - Stated he was responsible for 3 synods and has been attending Synod assemblies for those synods
    - Also contacting Campus Ministries in his region
- Second Order of Business – Changes to the Constitution
  - Most of the changes to the Constitution were formatting and there was nothing to dramatically different
  - The amendment process was voted on and approved at the last meeting in Denver, Co
  - Josh detailed the changes
    - Article II – Lutheran unity was changed to Christian unity and some minor wording changes
    - Article IV – Plenary was defined
    - Article V – Amendments given its own section
    - Article VII – addresses advisors
  - Splitting the positions of retreat coordinator and treasurer and splitting the votes was also added

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- Second Order of Business – Changes to the Constitution cont.
  - Lauren Motioned to approve the changes with the added changes of the retreat coordinator/ treasurer split
  - Amanda seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously
  
- Third Order of Business – Changes to the By-Laws
  - It was agreed that since the changes to the By-Laws were more extensive each article would be voted on individually.
  - Formatting changes followed along with the constitution
  - Josh detailed the changes
    - Article I – added to further define the name and the contingency
      - Lauren motioned to approve
      - Alyson seconded the motion
      - It was approved unanimously
    - Article II – added to further define the purpose of the ministry
      - Alex motioned to approve
      - Meaghan seconded the motion
      - It was approved unanimously
    - Article III – changes included: changing “church” to “tradition,” defining associate membership, voting on an individual basis rather than school, adding a welcome statement
      - Discussion followed on the purpose of associate membership and its role or necessity
      - There was no motion to approve, Alyson motioned to table this item and send it back to the council to readdress the issues of associate membership and the welcome statement
      - Tim Seconded the motion
      - It was approved unanimously
    - Article IV – change the election timing to allow for an overlap of officers, retreats define, minor grammatical changes
      - Philip motioned to approve
      - Amanda seconded the motion
      - It was approved unanimously
  
- Amy motioned for a 10 minute recess
  - Phillip seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously
  
- Christy departed the meeting
  
- Lauren motioned to resume the meeting
  - Alex seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously
  
- Third Order of Business – Changes to the By-Laws cont.
  - Article V – defining the council
    - Alice motioned to approve
    - Tim seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously

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- Third Order of Business – Changes to the By-Laws cont.
  - Article VI – amendment to the amendment process since it was not clear upon discussion at the last meeting, by-laws will have a simple majority necessary for change where as the constitution needs a 2/3 majority
    - Philip motioned to approve
    - Becky seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
  - Article VII – Vice president as a temporary appointment to president only, secretary and newsletter editor as one position with the possibility for separation, retreat coordinator and treasurer positions to be separate in accordance with the constitution, while preferable an Area rep does not have to be residing in that area, advisors added
    - Discussion followed regarding the specific definition of an advisor to be a clergy person or not
    - Alyson motioned to table the item and send it back to the council to review the advisor portion
    - Phillip seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
  - Article VIII – article number change
    - Meaghan motioned to approve
    - Philip seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
  - Article IX – article number change, change in requirements for a quorum
    - Alyson motioned to approve
    - Amanda seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
  - Article X – bank account
    - Discussion followed that MALSM has non-profit status already and Alex will need to revisit the issue with Sovereign bank
    - Amanda motioned to table the item until the council could have a final answer on the non-profit status
    - Alyson seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
- Fourth Order of Business – Advisors
  - Tim motioned to re-elect Peter Bredlau
    - Discussion followed that people from Muhlenberg mentioned the idea to him and did not get a clear answer on his position and therefore did not feel comfortable electing him at this time
    - Tim rescinded his motion
    - Lauren seconded that the motion should be rescinded
  - Phillip motioned to elect Greg Wilson
    - Shaun seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
  - Alyson motioned to elect Ang Illar
    - Meaghan seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously

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- Fifth Order of Business – Consistent retreat schedule
  - Josh explained the purpose of creating a consistent schedule so MALSM could present an easy date sequence for all involved campus ministries
  - He explained the asterisk to be the change due to the Easter holiday
  - He explained the color sequence to be the calendar year since the school year is broken across years
  - Discussion followed as to the importance of coordinating with the president’s schedule. A case by case policy was chosen
    - Lauren moved to adopt the policy for the next year
    - Alyson seconded the motion
    - It was approved unanimously
  
- Sixth Order of Business – Task Forces
  - Josh defined each of the task forces
    - Alumni/ Youth led by Amanda
    - Campus Ministries led by Philip, Meaghan and Lauren
    - Synodical Relations led by Josh
    - Outreach/ Welcoming led by Amy and Shaun
    - Communications led by Alyson and Erin
    - Finance led by Alex and Josh
  - Josh encouraged everyone to get involved as an opportunity to take on a stronger role with MALSM
  
- Seventh Order of Business – Summer events
  - Josh mentioned that the summer was coming and that everyone should be on the look out for a potential summer beach retreat
  
- Eighth Order of Business – Big Serve
  - Josh briefly explained his plan for a big service event as an interfaith event held next spring in Philadelphia
  - He and Shaun are working together
  
- It was agreed that this was the last order of business and Alyson motioned to close the meeting in prayer
  - Meaghan seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously
  
- Josh closed the meeting in prayer