

**REGION II  
FEBRUARY 3, 2007  
MINUTES**

Attendance: Chuck Morello, JoAnn Chesser, Laura Amendola, The Rev. Ken Toven, The Rev. Alice Olson, The Rev. Barb Hauck, Steve Hauck, Tony Ladeaux, The Rev. Doug Morrisson-Cleary, The Rev. John Wilms, Marge Renn, Ron Renn, The Rev. Margaret W. Thomas, Craig Spellerberg, Carol Schultz, Mark Munger Cameron Hubley, Sandra Carlson, The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, The Rev. Steve Wlosinski, Sam Dickinson, Jeanne Rasmussen, Sally Cummings, Joe Piette, The Rev. Marta Maddy, The Rev. David Hill, Pam Webster.

Meeting opened with prayer in the Chapel.

Introductions

The Rev. Margaret Thomas reported on the latest ordinations.

Minutes from the September 30, 2006 meeting approved.

Financial report approved.

**Council & Trustee Report, The Rev. Alice Olson:** Laura Budd's term as a trustee has expired. Bishop was given a gift of approximately \$200,000. The funds will be used for a Department of Development. Council is working with ACG. 2006 Diocesan Convention was under budget, sale of 1730 still ongoing – extended to March 30, Pooled investment fund doing well – up to 14.3%, a balanced budget is anticipated.

**Commission on Mission Strategy, the Rev. Margaret Thomas:** Meeting on February 17 of all commission members, 3 to 5 more people need to be identified for the next step, Convocation May 5 at Beck School.

Theological Paper, the Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski: Feedback and discussion. No lay people worked on the paper. There will be a new paper coming out.

Chuck Morello will post it on the web site. Feedback and comments may be sent to the Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski.

**Episcopal Polity, The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski:** Vestries explained.

**Diocesan Convention:** Youth were missed; silent auction was a good addition; keynote speaker was outstanding.

**Environmental Stewardship:** the Rev. Helen Hanten and Jill Peterman attending Living Green Conference. Mary Brown Center has a retreat scheduled every month, working on getting handicap accessible, families may rent also, St. Mary's congregation loves to have retreat participants worship with them. Web site had 550,000 visits in 2006 and 62,000 so far this year, Creation Season Liturgy on web site.

**Millennium Development Goals, Laura Amendola:** video is available, Minnesota is a leader in the Millennium Goals, web site is “e4gr.org”, Laura is on the executive board, meets every 6 to 8 weeks in the Cities, primarily Gen Xers but have people into 70s involved, trying to create ways for local parishes to become involved. Laura will be attending a global conference on HIV-AIDS, Malaria and women’s and children’s health in March, along with former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold; Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies; the Very Rev. Pascual Torres of the Diocese of Honduras; and the Rev. Canon Eugene Sutton of Washington National Cathedral, just before the Lambeth Conference. Bishop Tutu and Mrs. Mandella will also be participating. There will be a forum at St. Paul’s on February 11.

**Socially Responsible Investing, the Rev. Steve Wlosinski:** What exactly is the Diocese investing in? Chuck Morello presented a draft resolution to be presented at Convention.

**Diocesan Journal input:** Chuck wants 2 sentences about what happened last year at each parish.

**Youth, the Rev. Margaret Thomas:** TEC at St. Paul’s March 16 – 18. the Rev. David Hill reported on the Diocesan Acolyte Festival for grades 4 through 12. Suggested next year go as a regional group. What is ECS doing with Cass Lake Camp.

Joint confirmation May 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul’s.

Congregational sharing.

Opening Our Hearts and Doors will be held April 27 and 28 at Gloria Dei.

Next meeting, May 19 at Christ Church Grand Rapids, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Closed with Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carol Schultz, Secretary