

Region 2 Meeting
Christ Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids
May 19, 2007

1. Opening Prayer:

2. Attendance:

Sandra Carlson, JoAnn Chesser, Sally Cummings, the Rev Barb Hauck, Steve Hauck, the Rev David Hill, the Rev Canon Sandi Holmberg, Cameron Hubley, Jane Kingston, Chuck Morello, Mark Munger, Colleen Nardone, the Rev Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, the Rev Gretchen Pickeral, Barbara Poole, Marge Renn, the Rev Ken Toven,

3. Consent Agenda:

4. Introduction:

Those in attendance introduced themselves and revealed their favorite pizza ingredients.

Reports:

5. Minutes of Last Meeting:

(Carol Shultz in absentia) Submitted and approved.

6. Finances:

(Cameron Hubley) Beginning balance: \$906.47. Receipts to date: \$50.00 (from St. Andrew's, Duluth) Ending balance: \$956.47. Reminder: dues are based on 10¢ per congregational member per year. Cameron is seeking assistance with or relief from handling the finances. Submitted and approved.

7. Diocesan Council:

(The Rev. Canon Sandi Holmberg for Susan Dusek). Sandi attended in May. Discussion at the council meeting centered around the bishop's call for a coadjutor bishop for the diocese, the length of tenure (about 8 months) additional cost (\$80 to 100,000). There was also discussion at the council meeting about the BCMS. Council minutes are available on the diocesan web site. (http://www.episcopalmn.org/a_to_z/article73117.htm). There was a brief discussion during our meeting on the roles of bishop (coadjutor, suffragan, and assisting) and the selection process.

8. Trustees:

(Laura Budd) No report

9. Bishop's Commission on Mission Strategy (BCMS):

10. Clergy Conference:

(Clergy Comment) Discussion of items 9 and 10 were combined since the focus of the Clergy Conference, May 7-9, the week following the BCMS convocation

on May 5 was also on the BCMS. The clergy, in addition to examining and discussing the “Rethinking, Reframing and Reclaiming Our Identity and Purpose” report presented to the convocation and the clergy conference, were presented a PowerPoint presentation by Craig van Gelder the consultant for the BCMS. The presentation was called, “Exploring Issues of Organization and Leadership for an Episcopal Missional Church in a Postmodern Age.” The attendees of this meeting reviewed and discussed those topics for about thirty minutes. Further information about BCMS is available on the diocesan web site.

(<http://www.episcopalmn.org/bcms>)

11. Environmental Stewardship:

12. Mary Brown Environmental Center:

(Chuck Morello) (Pam Webster) Presentation of items 11 and 12 were combined. Three-quarter of a million visits to the Environmental Stewardship web site are anticipated. A men’s retreat is scheduled in June (See the web site for details). There is a work project in June at the Mary Brown Environmental Center. St Paul’s, Duluth, Earth Day celebration was mentioned.

13. Millennium Development Goals:

(Joanne Chesser, et al. For Laura Amendola) Review and discussion of the MDGs as presented by Laura Amendola at St. Paul’s, Duluth, was given by Joanne since Laura was not able to attend the meeting. (See MDGs on the web site for latest developments:

http://www.episcopalmn.org/millennium_development_goals)

13. Youth:

(Chuck Morello) Regional members were urged to put out a call for a youth delegate. There is a need to have one in time for Convention. The next meeting is too close to Convention time so one will have to be selected in the mean time.

15. Episcopal Polity:

(The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski) The focus of this session was what it is to be Anglican. We watched a ten minute video recording by John Westerhoff, a United Church of Christ minister, later an Episcopalian priest, and professor at Duke University Divinity School for twenty years, he advocated through his writing, teaching, pastoring, and editorial work an enculturation model he called "catechesis" or Christian formation. A ten minute discussion followed.

16. Canon Missioner:

(The Rev. Canon Sandi Holmberg, Chuck Morello)

Anglican Covenant

The (national) Episcopal Church is responding to the Draft Anglican Covenant and wants feedback from all Episcopalians. A Short Study Guide prepared by the

Covenant Design Group (appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury) was distributed to meeting attendees.

Joint Confirmation Service at St. Paul's

A reminder of the confirmation service on June 2, St. Paul's, Duluth, was made to those attending the meeting.

17. By-Laws:

(Chuck Morello, The Rev. Canon Sandi Holmberg)

For Congregations

Informational report. Congregations should update their by-laws to reflect the new canons. Chuck has a draft of by-laws for Total Ministry. Another is avail electronically from the chancellor. There is a need for templates of updates for parishes and missions.

For Region II

Are by-laws for the Region necessary? Will someone work on a draft/template?

18. Resolution on Socially Responsible Investing

(The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, Chuck Morello) A proposed/draft copy of the Resolution on Socially Responsible Investing in the Diocese of Minnesota was distributed to meeting attendees. It was pointed out that a paragraph (lines 6-9, page 2) was added. From the discussion it was pointed out that the resolution should reflect a desire to invest responsibly rather than focus on divesting/disinvesting. It was suggested that a way to make investments available for scrutiny and have a forum for discussion is to have the workshop at Convention for information on investment and display of the investments portfolio. A motion was made by Mark Munger and seconded by the Rev Gretchen Pickeral to forward a proposal to the diocese for the workshop, Passed. A motion was made by Mark Munger and seconded by the Rev Gretchen Pickeral to table the resolution, Passed.

19. Congregational Sharing

Trinity, Hermantown: Upcoming events include the annual Barter Sale; the tenth anniversary of the church.

St Paul's, Duluth: Upcoming events include a rhubarb festival; People's Institute training, Undoing Racism workshop, June 13; Retreat on Madeline Island;

Christ Church, Grand Rapids: Total Ministry approved, celebration May 20; Youth group fundraising for Millennium Development Goals for micro loans, ducks, mosquito nets; Service at the old log church in Coleraine, June 10.

St Andrew's, Duluth: Fundraising for confirmands trip to D.C; The Rev. Sue Deetz is assigned deacon; Summer Soltice celebration; Congregation mentors for teens.

St. John's: Possible change of service to Wednesday evening from Sunday morning.

St. Andrew's, Moose Lake: Ecumenical prayer walk on the Munger Trail; Acquired a new used pipe organ.

St James, Hibbing: The Rev. Marty Maddy is welcomed.

Ely congregation moving into Total Ministry.

St. Paul's, Virginia: Welcomes the Rev. Doug Morrison-Cleary as mentor for the Total Ministry team getting started.

20. Other News

21. Next Meeting Date:

Joint meeting with Region I, Christ Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, October 13, 10 am.

22. Closing Prayer