

## Minutes of Region II Meeting

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Cloquet, MN

February 7, 2009

Attendees: Lizette Barber, Laura Budd, Tom Campbell, Sandi Carlson, Jo Anne Chesser, Susan Dusek, Claudia Golen, Kim Heise, Sandi Holmberg, Kathy Hoopman, Terry Hoopman, Barb Houck, Steve Houck, Cheryl Killien, Jane Kingston, Marta Maddy, Sally Maxwell, Chuck Morello, Marlene Munig, Alice Olson, Quentin Olson, Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, Joe Piette, Sally Rogers, Sue Stromquist, Joie Swenson, Nelson Thomas, Bill Van Oss, Pam Webster, John Willms, Steve Wlosinski

Joe Piette opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chuck asked for additions or changes to the agenda. He noted an error in the possible next meeting date: on May 16 the Presiding Bishop will be in the diocese.

Chuck thanked the outgoing Region II Board and then held elections. The following individuals were elected as indicated:

Dean:	The Rev Marta Maddy
Sub-Dean:	Colleen Nardone
Secretary	Carol Schultz
Treasurer	The Rev Stephen Wlosinski
Lay Representative to Council:	Susan Dusek
Alternate Lay Representative:	Terry Hoopman
Clergy Representative to Council:	The Rev Bill Van Oss
Alternate Clergy Representative:	The Rev Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski

Sally Maxwell gave Chuck Morello two "thank you" gifts for his service to Region II.

Chuck turned the gavel over to Marta Maddy. Marta expressed her desires that we all work as a team.

**Minutes of September Meeting:** Nelson Thomas moved (Jane Quesenberry-Nelson, second) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed without dissent.

**Finances:** Steve Wlosinski presented the budget. There was a question on the dues structure. The prevailing rate for many years has been \$0.10 per communicant. Jane Quesenberry-Nelson moved (Bill Van Oss, second) to accept the report. Motion passed without dissent.

**Diocesan Council Report:** The Council Reports are available online through [www.episcopalmn.com/diocesan\\_council](http://www.episcopalmn.com/diocesan_council).

**Trustee Report:** No Trustee was present to provide a report

**State of the Diocese:** Chuck Morello passed out information to each congregation that came to him earlier in the week. Canon Karen Olson had sent information about each congregation's

status based on known information. Congregations were to send her any corrections. Based on the tasking, Chuck expected that Region II would be called to present a report to Diocesan Council later in the year.

**Canon Missioner Report:** Canon Sandi Holmberg said there are now changes in her job description. She is now “Canon Missioner for Ministry Development” with a focus on Total Ministry and Gifts Discernment. She will come to Region II meetings when called and if available. She advised we should check the diocesan website for profiles for Sandi, Canon Karen Olson and Canon Bronwyn Clark-Skov. Canon Clark-Skov will be working of tracking Worship Leader licenses and clergy deployment (with Canon Olson). Canon Clark-Skov will be working with Faith Formation, but not as a focal area. Canon Holmberg has a new cell number (218-230-9205). Call her when there are questions. If it is not in her area, she will direct you to the proper person.

**Mission Strategy Network:** There is a survey on the diocesan website that will help the MSN teams prepare for the Convocation on May 2. There will be an MSN meeting at St. Paul’s, Duluth, on February 28, starting at 9AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend and have input to the changes to be proposed in May.

**Search for IX Bishop of Minnesota:** Laura Budd spoke for the Search Committee and said there were 59 names from the Church Deployment Office. Forty-two were selected. About 20 have indicated interest. Applications will be accepted until February 18. On February 28 the Search Committee will meet to begin the process of telephone interviews. Information about the search is online through <http://www.mnbishopsearch.org/>.

A report from Judy Harvey was read and Barb Houck spoke for the Transition Committee. They are working on finding a workable venue for the installation. The event may be carried as a webcast.

**Environmental Stewardship Commission:** Nelson Thomas reported on the growth and activity of the NE Minnesota Chapter of MEESC. The next NE Chapter event is March 14 at St. Andrew’s By-the-Lake and will focus on green buildings. The next MEESC quarterly meeting is March 27-28 at St. Luke’s in Rochester.

**Mary Brown Environmental Center:** Pam Webster reported that the facility is getting good exposure in the community and some local groups are using the building. Nelson Thomas mentioned upcoming events and reminded everyone that the facility is available for use by groups and families as well as for individual retreats.

**Millennium Development Goals:** The discussion focused on what congregations in Region II are doing.

*St. Paul’s (Duluth)* has trained two groups and raised about \$20,000 to send to Episcopal Relief and Development in support of Goal 1.

*St. John’s (Eveleth)* has been working with the local food shelf with a voucher program in Eveleth and Gilbert and by conducting a food drive. They also have a penny collection

*St. Andrew's By-the-Lake (Duluth)* has given 1% of its budget to MDGs since the program began. A 5K walk-run in December raised \$6,800 for children in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also have a penny collection

*Christ Church (Grand Rapids)* has had a Twelve Baskets program at the church. Each month is a different focus. This coming Fall the MDGs will be the focus for one month. Their men's group has sent funds to support Doctors without Borders and their youth raised money to purchase mosquito nets for Africa. Their rummage barter continues into its third year.

*St. Andrew's (Moose Lake)* has been doing monthly collections for the local food shelf and in September they collected funds to send to Episcopal Relief and Development.

*St. Andrew's (Cloquet)* has worked with the local Salvation Army as well as sending funds to Episcopal Relief and Development to purchase farm animals for individuals in Africa.

*St. Paul's (Virginia)* has a Magic Penny Fund to be used to help folks in emergencies.

*St. James' (Hibbing)* held its annual community Thanksgiving involving 12 congregations that served 450 meals this past Thanksgiving. The congregation also received a bequest to be tithed for use in outreach.

**Youth Delegate:** No report. Someone reminded the group that the Youth Delegate next Fall will have a vote for the new Bishop.

**Summer Sunday Afternoons in the Arts:** Diane Piette spoke about recertifying individuals who had been trained at St. Andrew's (Cloquet) in the past. St. Andrew's will be hosting an afternoon arts event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Summer months (tentatively names Region II Arts Days). This will include projects like sandblasting, fabric design, calligraphy, and fabric design. There will be a @\$10 supply donation and participants are asked to bring a snack to share. The information will be posted on the Region II webpage.

**Spring Great Northern TEC:** A motion was made and seconded to send Great Northern TEC \$300 to support the spring event.

**Diocesan Convention Wrap-up:** Nothing to discuss

**Mileage reimbursements:** Discussion was around whether Region II should support paying mileage for those in attendance. Options of doing it for those who need it or allowing it to be a church or individual responsibility were discussed. The consensus was to leave this decision up to each congregation.

**Next Meeting:** 9AM, June 6, 2009, at St. Andrew's By-the-Lake Episcopal Church, Duluth, MN. There will be no lunch.

Respectfully submitted by Region II Scribes:

Lizette Barber & Chuck Morello