

**REGION II MINUTES  
FOR  
MAY 17, 2008**

Attendance: Chuck Morello, the Rev. Jeff Nelson, Kathy Hoopman, Terry Hoopman, the Rev. Canon Sandi Holmberg, JoAnn Chessner, the Rev. Margaret W. Thomas, the Rev. Bill van Oss, the Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, Sandra Carlson, Susan Dusek, the Rev. Alice Olson, the Rev. Marta Maddy, the Rev. Steve Wlosinski, Pam Webster, Colleen Nardone, Jeanne Rassmussen, the Rev. Sally Maxwell, Mark Munger, Carol Schultz, the Rev. David Hill, the Rev. Ken Toven.

Meeting opened with prayer and reflection.

Minutes of February 9, 2009 meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report approved: Thank you note received from TEC.

Diocesan Council Report: Meeting was held at Gethsemane which included a tour of the church. Bronwyn Skov reported on Vestry 101 Program. There will be a council retreat on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Council minutes were not yet available on line at time of Region meeting.

Cannon Missioner Report: Primary focus is now on Total Ministry. Rev. Sandi has been to Chatfield, Luverne, International Falls, Total Ministry Summit in Little Falls, and will present Total Ministry to Council at June meeting. Next summit will be held at the end of May, 2009 and the Bishop will attend. Resolutions for changes to Canons regarding Total Ministry will be presented to convention.

Finance Summit: Hoopmans attended via video streaming, but audio quality was poor. Rev. Sandi Holmberg attended. Moderator did a good job of keeping things from being contentious. Rev. Bill van Oss felt that no questions were answered. Discussion followed on whether Region II should submit questions and request written responses. How to restructure Diocese to a much smaller budget? Questions should be e-mailed to council representatives.

Mission Strategy Network: Rev. Ken Toven. BCMS report called for radical change in diocese. Goal 4 of report was to take functioning networks, identify what's working and build on it. Listen to congregations that are effective models. There is a link on diocesan website to mission strategy. How is report being communicated to the search committee? Formation of networks is going forward. Total ministry is a model for the diocese. Evaluation will continue to evolve.

Clergy Conference: Used Gospel based discipleship, discussed Goal 1 of BCMS report.

Search Committee: Members are Laura Budd and Peter Davis. Note from Laura Budd indicating that committee will meet May 31. Please pray for committee.

Environmental Stewardship Committee: Groups meet around the state quarterly. There are about 28 active members statewide. Next meeting will be August 21. The topic will be water. Looking for information on how congregations are being green.

Mary Brown Environmental Center: Cleanup on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Good place for a retreat.

Millennium Development Goals: Ely, Tower and Eveleth are very involved. St. James, Marshall and Devon Anderson good resources, St. Paul's Duluth also. St. Paul's made goal. St. Andrew's By the Lake pledged 1% of budget and is trying to raise money to build a school in Afghanistan or Pakistan.

Youth Delegate will be Rachael Olson from St. Andrew's by the Lake. Need to get registered for convention.

Trustee investment discussion: Rev. Steve Wlosinski concerned about morals as to investments. Susan Dusek – trustees try to be responsible with investments. Terry Hoopman – trustees are a separate entity described in Canons.

Region V resolution regarding reporting of compensation for all stipended Clergy in Diocese not supported.

Proposed revision to Canon 310 not supported.

Congregational sharing.

Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski requested that Episcopal Polity be presented at the beginning of the meeting in the future.

Next meeting September 27, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Duluth.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Schultz.