

**REGION II  
MINUTES FOR  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

Attendance: Chuck Morello, Sue Stromquist, the Rev. Annie Henninger, the Rev. Sally Maxwell, Sandy Carlson, the Rev. Marta Maddy, the Rev. Bill Van Oss, Sally Rogers, the Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, the Rev. Canon Sandi Holmberg, the Rev. Steve Wlosinski, the Rev. Jeff Nelson, Carol Schultz, JoAnn Chesser, Pam Webster, Peter Davis, the Rev. David Hill, Bob Carmack, the Rev. John Wilms, Cheryl Homan, Cathy Hoopman, Terry Hoopman, Susan Dusek, the Rev. Joe Piette, Claudia Golen, the Rev. Alice Olson, Bob Harvey, the Rev. Margaret Thomas.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of May 17, 2008 meeting approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$1,399.47 balance, approved.

**Trustees Report,** Bob Harvey: Trustees had a retreat with the Bishop.

Problems: 1730 Clifton Place not taking in any money, sale fell through, need to rent as is, 2 possible tenants, currently renting to ECS at a minimal rate. Gethsemane Project – Trustees have asked for financial audit, not received at this time. Cass Lake Camp: may sell, but may be Native land. Native Council would be against sale. Buildings are in disrepair. There are differing stories as to how Diocese became owner of the property.

**Council Report,** Susan Dusek: Last 2 council meetings were about money. There have been major reductions in ACG, about 14.5%, but people want more. Budget has become contentious. Bishop Jelinek took a pay cut. Bishop Swenson took a 50% cut. Gary Gleason left, saving from his salary. 09 budget is 7.4% reduction from 08 budget, .5% assessment for MSN, 3.6% pay increase for staff, then Bishop gave 10% across the board raise. Possible need for personnel committee to prevent future problems. Staff will absorb increase in cost of health insurance premiums. Thanks to Susan and Rev. Alice Olson for their work on council.

**Canon Missioner Report,** Rev. Canon Sandi Holmberg: Focusing on program right now. Available on request, relying on congregations to call. Primary focus on total ministry at this time. Working with congregations in metro area looking at shared ministry teams to augment seminary trained priests. Stewardship workshop next Saturday at Breck School. Clergy conference topic was the Great Emergence, looks at how church goes through change about every 500 years. MSN has 4 task groups 1 for each goal. Rev. Sandi working on goal 3, Recreating Diocese as network, extensive participation from Region II, draw on strengths from each congregation.

**Bishop Search Committee,** Peter Davis: April 08, formed and commissioned, met May 31 and Sept. 6 and will meet again at convention, Nov 1 and Dec 1, subcommittees will meet in between. There were 860 responses to online survey, 12 – 13% response which is considered good by the consultant. Still tallying responses and will present results on Oct. 25 at convention. Will try to have results on the web. On site interviews in July, candidate reviews in August. Election will be at 09 convention. Consecration February of 2010. There is a link to the search committee on the Diocesan website. Committee to come up with 3 to 5 candidates. Please pray for committee.

**Environmental Stewardship Committee Report**, Margaret Thomas: had retreat at Mary Brown House on Sigrid Olson. Will do one every year. Creation Season is on website. Web site has had 1 million hits. Committee has no money, but will keep meeting and doing things on global warming and reducing carbon footprint. Meetings in north and south now. Chuck Morello: Met with Gail Coon and Range youth. They are putting together 2 to 5 minute reflections on You Tube. Environmental Stations of the Cross, youth will do the speaking and adults will do the video. Meet at McGoon's for pint and theology after convention Eucharist.

**Mary Brown Environmental Center:** Worship every Sunday and 9:30 am. There are 6 children in Sunday school and are doing Godly Play. Need to rent center so that it will not have to be sold. Contact Helen Hanten to rent. There is a link for the Mary Brown Center on Environmental Stewardship website. St. Mary's Tower is the oldest church on the Range and needs repairs.

**MDGs:** St. Paul's Duluth will have a meeting on October 8 regarding how to donate money, "Longing for Enough in a Culture of More".

**Youth Delegate:** Rachel Olson, not present.

**TEC:** Fall TEC MEA weekend at St. James Hibbing. \$300.00 donated from Region II treasury.

**Convention:** DVD from Diocese not received in time for meeting, can be viewed on home page. Chuck is a lay candidate for Standing Committee, the Rev. Alice Olson is clergy candidate for Commission on Ministry and Tom Homan is a candidate for Trustee.

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution regarding change of Canon to reflect Total Ministry.
2. Resolution to list salaries of all stipendiary clergy in the diocesan journal. We voted not to support this resolution at the last meeting.

**Trustee Investment Discussion:** Motion to remove from agenda. Carried.

**Nomination Committee:** the Rev. Margaret Thomas, the Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski and Susan Dusek.

**Grand Marais Congregation:** Canon Missioner Sandi has not heard from them. The Rev. Steve Wlosinski will write a short note from Region II. Pam Webster and Peter Davis will deliver it on Sunday.

Congregational Sharing

Thank you to Chuck for all his good work as Dean.

Next meeting February 7, 2009 at St. Andrew's Cloquet 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Carol Schultz