

Meeting of the Elected Bodies

Council Notes

January 11, 2014

Present: Paul Double, the Rev. Dana Emery, Becky Garthofner, Bill Grohs, Sue Grove, Bruce Hansen, Kathy Hoopman, the Rev. John Jankowski, the Rev. Colin Malbie, the Rev. Margaret mattlin, Brian Ostenso, Julia Plum, Marilyn Rundell, the Rev. David Sams, Coke Smith, Minnie Steele, the Rev. Michael Way, the Rev. Pam Webster, Lynne Whitacre, the Rev. Lisa Smith, the Rev James Wilson, the Rev. Lee Dominick, the Rev Harlan Strong

Absent: the Rev. Guy Drake, Anna Magoris, the Rev. Sally Maxwell, Emily Overgaard, the Rev. Coleen Tully, Maren Kay Welsand, the Rev. Randy Welsand.

Amanda called the meeting to order at 12:20

Haddayr and Amanda collected updated information for new business cards for each Mission Area.

Mission Area Team Reports:

South East Mission Area:

Sue Grove reporting

The Rev. Colin Malbie new member.

Group feeling confident, met and communicated with one another regularly. Next MAG being held at Shattuck's-St. Mary. Would like fuller participation at MAG's therefore, will incorporate a larger youth component for next gathering. Need to work on updating contact information as well as tech help. Have transferred Region 5 checkbook to Wells Fargo.

West Metro Mission Area:

Lisa Smith reporting

Lynne Whitacre new member

A major success has been in an attitude shift resulting in more collaboration with faith communities. Joint outreach efforts with St. Edward's collecting books for children, joint efforts with area Deacon's collecting food for homeless. St.

David's, Trinity, and Epiphany working on a partnership with White Earth. Looking for incorporate other WMMA to participate in a July mission trip to White Earth. Steve Mullaney has been working together with congregations to put together Young Adult activities. Directory update should be completed mid-January.

North West Mission Area:

Coke Smith reporting.

Lots of new faces as the last MAG. Working hard on strengthening communications between churches as well as shared ministry. Sandi Holmberg is retiring. Due to the distance to Warroad, they usually don't have representation at the MAG. It was decided to hold the June MAG in Warroad in order to reconnect. They do need help with their Accolyte training as well as creating educational opportunities.

Central Metro Mission Area:

The Rev. Harlan Strong reporting (new member)

The Rev. Lee Dominick new member

Need to work on stronger communications with ECMN. Amanda clarified who is responsible for collecting and communicating Vestry information to ECMN. A new group of Deacons has come together to exchange ideas and outreach projects with Central Metro.

South West Mission Area:

Marilyn Rundell reporting.

Because the various faith communities are not close in proximity, there is a great deal of shared ministry. Their successful team ministry is lead by a P/T priest. Would like to continue to develop more reasons to gather as a community outside the MAG.

East Metro Mission Area:

Bill Grohs reporting

EMMA has been collaborating on ways to deepen the missions that are already up and running for them. They are also looking into ways to simplify their communications.

Northeast Mission Area:

Kathy Hoopman reporting

Had a successful MAG in November. They are trying to encourage a more grassroots connection of all the faith communities in the area. Ely would like to work more with ECMN visiting the area around the weather issues.

Amanda encouraged all to reach across mission areas to work together for clearer understanding of our work together.

Lonnie Schroeder presented on Shattuck's-St. Mary specifically what the partnership means/offers our community.

+Bishop Prior spoke to clarify background of monetary gift that would be used to help forge partnership with Shattuck's-St. Mary's

Amanda broke groups into Mission, Ministry and Management committees.

Business Portion

Minutes from October, 12 2013 MEB approved

Ministry Committee report: spoke of shared and total ministry groups

Mission Committee report: spoke of opportunity to join Day on the Hill with JRLC. Group committed to invite youth to the next MEB. Agreed to work with ECMN to update structure of Parochial Reports. Committee continues to support relationship with Diocese in Cuba. Amendment authorizing Cuba ministry previously put forward struck down the phrase self-governing. Motion ratified.

Management Committee report: spoke to simplifying audit process and need for accounting software.

The following motion was put forth regarding the Shattuck's-St. Mary's partnership:

The Management Committee approved the recommendation of the Joint Finance and Audit Committee and recommends the investment of \$1,000,000.00 of the gift to ECMN in the Inn at Shattuck's-St. Mary's Project subject to the satisfactory negotiation of a memorandum of understanding with respect to ECMN's use of the facility in the future.

Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

The following motion was put forth regarding the housing allowance for the Rev. Jacqueline Bernacci:

Whereas the Rev. Jacqueline Bernacci is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, although providing a residence for her, does not provide full cost of maintaining and furnishing such a residence, Council resolves that of the total annualized compensation of \$52,500 to be paid to the Rev. Bernacci during 2014, that \$7,900 be designated a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986, clarified by the Clergy Housing allowance Clarification Act of 2002.

Motion was seconded and approved.

Jennifer Gamberg spoke to the positive ending to the 2013 budget.

Becky Garthofner from EMMA presented

NW Mission Area presented

Meeting adjourned at 3:51