

Meeting of Elected Bodies

Council Notes

June 7, 2014

Present: Paul Double, The Rev. Guy Drake, Becky Garthofner, Bill Grohs, Sue Grove, Kathy Hoopman, Anna magoris, The Rev. Margy Mattlin, The Rev. Saly Maxwell, Brian Ostenso, Julia Plum, Marilyn Rundell, The Rev. David Sams, The Rev. Coke Smith, Minnie Steele, The Rev. Harlan Srong, The Rev. Coleen Tully, The Rev. Michael Way, Lynne Whitacre, The Rev. Lisa WhiteSmith, The Rev. James Wilson, The Rev. Dana Emery

Absent: The Rev. Lee Dominick, Bruce Hansen, The Rev. John Jankowski, The Rev. Colin Maltbie, Emily Overgaard, The Rev. Pam Webster, Maren Kay Welsand, The Rev. Randy Welsand

Guest: Doug Franzen-Chancellor

12:47 Meeting called to order by the Bishop

Brian Ostenso had council review March minutes. **m/s/a**

Chancellor Doug Franzen spoke to the canonical changes put forward at Convention 2013. He strongly recommended council accept at Convention 2014 the new language used to describe ECMN. **m/s/a**

Broke into groups of Mission, Ministry, and Management

2:13 came together for reports:

Mission: Sue Groves reported about mission opportunities happening along with the numerous youth and young adult events around MN. She spoke to the huge difference in enthusiasm of the various groups in the mission areas.

Ministry: Bill Grohs spoke positively about the progress with the updated process for discernment. He also spoke of the confusion they felt as to what they were to do with the ministry developers.

BISHOP: The Bishop spoke of the success of Mission Opportunity 2014. He also recapped the upcoming theme of Mission Opportunity 2015 and what it brings to the table. He invited ECMN to explore how to be in Missional Innovative Partnership with people and organizations in their communities as they relate to hunger. He gave kudos to both Chad O’Leary (Missioner for Youth Formation) and Steve Mullaney (Missioner for Young Adult/College Ministry) for all they have accomplished this past year. He is excited for the work surrounding “camping ministry”. Highlighted the new School for Formation and the continued positive growth. He gave kudos to this year’s Audit and how we are continuing to strive to be financially sustainable. Spoke to the continued good work of the Trustees in helping our Faith Communities become/maintain financial sustainability. Spoke of the ongoing discussion of an ECMN campus (we are half way through our feasibility study). Spoke of our work with Azul 7 and our brand identity and communication strategy. Spoke about the various Mission Area Gatherings and creating the best stewardship of his time as well as making use of the best resources of everyone’s time as they related to scheduling activities and events.

Management: Brian Ostenso reported Mgmt committee accepted reports from Joint Finance for first quarter. He spoke of the positive feedback on the audit process. Asked Michael Pipking to give a “few” comments about the proposed 2015 Budget. Michael commented on the change from “budget” to financial statement of our mission. Uses endowed and invested resources more fully than ever. Michael also spoke to the reporting changes in DIW faith communities and their vicars as related to ECMN. In 2015 approximately one third of the resources coming into ECMN will roll right back out into our Faith Communities. Michael ran through each portion of the financial statement.

Paul Double explained the as soon as possible prior to Convention, council will receive 2013 fir figures, 2015 financial statement and audit feedback as well as 2014 quarterly reports.

Brian Ostenso: put forth motion to approve financial statement (budget): **m/s/a**

Good Samaritan and Pine Island funds no longer useful as is: motion to redesignate entirety of funds to seminarian aid (Good Samaritain fund) and Missional Innovative Partnership’s (Pine Island fund): **m/s/a**

Resolution for 2014 housing allowance: Susan Daughtry (resolution needed) **m/s/a**

Bishop is excited for October to see where we will go next. Thanks for being a part of this.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08