

## Meeting of Elected Bodies

### Council Notes

March 15, 2014

**Present:** Paul Double, Becky Garthofner, Bill Grohs, Sue Grove, Bruce Hansen, Kathy Hoopman, The Rev. John Jankowski, Anna Magoris, The Rev. Colin Maltbie, The Rev. Margaret Mattlin, Brian Ostenso, Emily Overgaard, Julia Plum, Marilyn Rundell, The Rev. David Sams, The Rev. Harlan Strong, The Rev. Coleen Tully, Maren Kay Welsand, The Rev. Randy Welsand,

**Absent:** The Rev. Lee Domenick, The Rev. Guy Drake, The Rev Dana Emery, The Rev. Sally Maxwell, Coke Smith, Minnie Steele, The Rev. Michael Way, The Pam Webster, Lynn Whitacre, The Rev. Lisa Smith, The Rev. James Wilson

**12:35:** Broke into Mission areas to discuss: Things to do and what help may be needed for other mission areas moving forward

**1:00:** Came together to report

**Julia Plum NWMA:** Success: good online contact with each other via skype, oovoo etc. They have had good turnout for mission area meetings and gatherings. They feel they are very good at asking each other for help and asking the Missioners for help.

**Margy Mattlin EMMA:** Success: Joint Lenten study with soup supper series: Participating in God's Mission: Building Whole Communities. Thirty-nine people from seven faith communities attended the first meeting. Bill Grohs spoke to the agenda of the upcoming MAG. They are also planning a warden's and treasurer's event where former and current warden's and treasurer's get together to discuss issues facing vestrys and faith communities within EMMA.

**Sue Groves SEMA:** Success: recent MAG! Excellent youth component in Rochester following the MAG. Thanks to all of the ECMN Missioner's for attending specifically Chad for his work with the youth. They feel they still need to continue to work on communications within the mission area however; it is getting so much better. They spoke of plans for upcoming mission area events such as their Chili Feed, Episco-disco etc. Also spoke of the wonderful ministry of San Jose Obrero in Montgomery.

**Harlan Strong CMMA:** Success: member of a faith community has stepped forward to take over the management of the resource center. They continue to work towards getting their priests and deacons together and more engaged. Rolf has been helping with Project Footsteps which helps pair young adults as mentors to youth. They are

looking for ways to be able to take advantage of Mission Opportunity 2015. They are always looking for ways to spread the word in their particular mission area.

**Marilyn Rundell SWMA:** Success: October's Mission Area Safe Church training. They are also looking into some type of even to address drugs in the community in cooperation with Hazelton. They do feel that SWMA continues to struggle to come together.

**Kathy Hoopman NEMA:** Success: Met with reps in February and found a way to use a grant that had been given several years ago for middle schoolers. They put together a Labyrinth and gave money to help youth work in the community during the summer months.

**Randy Welsand CMA:** Success: they report increased attendance at mission area events. They do still struggle with communications across their mission area and would like some help getting out and connecting with their faith communities. Amanda suggested that perhaps other mission areas would be willing to help them with these challenges.

**Brian Ostenso WMMA:** Success: The agenda for their MAG is set. Steve Mullaney Missioner for Young Adult and College Ministry introduced Alex and Shawn a young adult and youth from WMMA. Their attendance is a way of engaging more youth across the mission areas and encouraging them to connect.

**1:50:** Broke into Mission, Ministry, and Management groups

**2:25:** Came back together

**Ministry:** Colin+ spoke to the new process of discernment. They have been working hard on this for the past few years and it is slowly coming to formation. All discernment paths are equally important whether priest, deacon, or lay ministry...everyone is called to something. The school for formation continues to expand and develop in order to support the discernment process. He also spoke to a new commission for formation to help bridge across all of ECMN. They are putting materials together to help faith communities discern lay ministry.

**Management:** Spoke to the checklist for audit. Recently four WMMA faith communities had a very positive experience getting together with Missioners and lay people to complete their audit. Looking at getting the word out about the positive experience and having materials/resources for others who are interested. Also looking into gathering information on the types of software that faith communities are using and where they get it. Tech Soup was brought up as a good resource for software for non-profits. It was reported that ECMN budget broke even without the use of special funds. The 2015

Budget process is beginning so all faith communities are encouraged to get their Parochial Reports in. PIFF finished the year with a 13.8% return. Monies were stewarded well.

**Mission:** Welcomed youth/young adult who attended and spoke of encouraging more to attend future MEB's. Rolf reports 800 people attended JRLC Day on the Hill. He also spoke of Sheltering Arms and MAP. Chad spoke about the upcoming youth retreat on May 15 as well as calendaring for 2015. There are six TEC retreats coming up for youth beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **January's MEB minutes were approved as corrected**

#### **Discussion with Amanda:** (Notes to follow)

- Rethinking Measurements
  - If you could share anything about your faith community (other than Average Sunday Attendance or Plate/Pledge) what would you share?
  - What questions do faith communities need to consider to for their missional health?

**Steve Mullaney:** spoke of youth and YAC ministry: Shawn (youth MEB attendee) is interested in knowing what goes on behind the scenes at ECMN. Alex (YA MEB attendee) is interested in organizations working with Youth/Bikes/White Earth. Andrew (not able to attend) is a P/T organist at Rev. Colin Maltbie's faith community. He feels his faith has been formed with the help of EYMC (Episcopal Youth Music Camp). Steve encouraged everyone to encourage more youth and young adults from each mission area to have a larger presence at gatherings and meetings. He says the voices of youth have great value.

**Bishop's report:** MAP is transformational. Over 30 faith communities are in various stages of MAP. Great things are happening in and around the Mission Areas and at the various MAG's. Spoke to emerging commission for formation as well as the search for a new Missioner for Formation. Spoke to the continues feasibility study for a new ECMN Campus.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30**