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Saturday October 12, 2013

Oak Ridge Conference Center, 1 Oak Ridge Drive, Chaska MN

**Meeting of the Elected Bodies
Council Minutes
Saturday October 12, 2013**

Appointment

Upon assembly of the Fall 2013 Meeting of the Elected Bodies, Brian Ostenso was nominated, and appointed by the Bishop as Council Vice Chair for the program year 2013-2014.

Call to Order

Business portion of the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Brian Ostenso at 2:14pm.

Minutes Approval

The following corrections were submitted to the minutes from June 1, 2013:

- Mission area team updates section was corrected by providing missing information in the sentences, to read: "Dana Emery is from North West Mission Area, Marta Maddy should be removed from North East Mission Area".

Motion to approve June 1, 2013 minutes as amended was made, seconded and approved.

M/S/A.

Management Committee Actions

Management Committee put forward the following recommendations:

- Paul Double and Becky Garthofner be added to Joint Finance and Audit Committee. Julia Plum be listed to serve as an alternate.
- Bruce Hansen and Guy Drake be added to Personnel Committee.

Motion to accept Management Committee recommendations was seconded and approved.

M/S/A.



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Housing Allowance Resolution

- “Resolution of Council” for 2014 housing allowance page was corrected to reflect the year 2014 (instead of 2013) in the 2 appropriate places.

Motion to approve Council’s Housing Allowance Resolution as amended was made, seconded and approved. **M/S/A.**

Reports

Management

Financials reviewed, look very good. Numbers still a bit fluid, as convention monies are still being accounted. Projecting a surplus. Budget was balanced at -0- for 2013 by moving money from reserves. Goals discussed:

- Increase communication between Finance and Audit Committee and Mission Areas, via the Mgmt. Committee and Council at large.
- Adopt a financial review checklist (in conjunction with Jennifer Gamberg) to support Faith Communities to conduct their financial review.

Ministry

Held joint meeting with C.O.M. for the first time, found it of great value. Four objectives discussed:

- Updating process by which discernment and formation occurs
- Identifying opportunities to meet the needs of missional leaders
- Addressing leadership development in communities, along total shared ministry model, broadened to other faith communities
- Descriptions for ministry developers (formerly mentors for total and shared ministries)

Other Discussion: Diaconal Call Days – localized events planned to focus on Deacons. A few SFF updates. Acknowledgement of this as a period of dramatic change; should not overlook the laity in its role as a power and an engine in this transformation; discussion of deacons, and bringing increasing awareness and attention to their roles and functions.



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Mission

Two recommendations:

- ECMN website add links to individual Faith Community newsletters as a centralization tool
- Add map with mission areas would be helpful.

Other highlights:

- Reminder - Mission Opportunity 2014 website - www.MISSIONOPPORTUNITY2014.org
- Missional assessment process underway and active (assisting faith communities to assess identity, context, sustainability). "Waiting list" now in place for those who are interested.
- Ideas: collating and taking advantage of missional empowerment tools and resources, continue to establish a clear focus on youth and young adults, find ways to insure all emerging leaders are given access.
- Also noted: awareness of Missional Summit, January 2014, info sharing between states

To Do:

- Send surveys to identify needs and gifts (Faith Communities and surrounding neighborhoods/communities),
- Engage in resource sharing; Mission Insight - connecting with Rolf L-D for localized information on community engagement resources and contacts.

Adjournment

Brian Ostenso closed business portion of meeting at 2:35pm.

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,
Libby Turner-Opanga
Missioner for Administration

for Karen Olson, Secretary for Council