

Minutes 24.6.2010

Rocky Mountain Regional Council Meeting
24 June 2010, 7-9 PM
Church of the Beloved

Present

Len Schreiner
Stan Manickam (proxy for David Kenney)
Frank Quintana
Sheila Dierks (chair)
Kathy Hammer
Laura Strom

Absent

Tom Stumpf
Paul Burson
Kris Jenkins

Opening Prayer with Fr. Stan Manickam

Instructions to Vistors/General facilitation: Sheila reaffirmed the Parker Palmer book use for grounding us as a council and “putting us all on the same page”

Welcome to our New Vicar

Len made some opening remarks sharing his participation in the Vicar’s phone call with the Bishop. There will be an installation (Bp. Peter) in August 14th at 5PM at COB (same day as ordination 10 AM at HF)
Len plans community visits

Organizational Logistics: Suggestions

Sheila reports ideas which were generated after speaking with Tom and Paul (absent this day) for helping the council grow together as a group reiterating that we need to take time to become a community. The RMRC can be a place for bonding, forgiveness and healing. The council needs time to pray together before the meeting begins – suggest meeting at 6:45 for this opportunity, KH and LS affirm. FQ suggests that once/quarter we share a meal together. LS likes the idea of silence before the meeting. KH would like to “take 5” to let go. All of these ideas were discussed **no consensus**

old business

Retreat reimbursements (\$55 agreed upon in May meeting)

1. LOC already received
2. HF and SA in the mail to Tom Stumph at 2863 Humboldt Ct. Longmont CO 80503

Foundational Document Status:

LS explained highlighting scheme and additions. The document was circulated

RED = delete

GREEN = keep

YELLOW = question

Comments:

DR points out that when we have accomplished this we should seek to engage the HOP/HOL to create a springboard for increased communication and shared understanding - of the RMRC’s self understanding (via the foundational document)

CH says that the foundational document builds a basis for a constitution and needs to be brought to the people for affirmation

This document is a living document and we would like it to be ready in some form (perhaps not polished or finished) to bring to the 2010 Synod

LS will send the document with her current comments first to

Burson to Dierks to Kenney to Hammer to Jenkins to Quintana to Shreiner to Stumpf back to Strom

Old business (cont)

Fundraiser proposal which was broached at Summit meeting

Musician Mark Pearson will perform this summer (HWY 119 east end of Longmont) this could be a very nice regional social event and create a vehicle for fund raising. There was an early notion (prior to this meeting) that this money raised could help support the vicar. The overarching question seems to be what should the RMRC role be in terms of fund raising. There has not yet been much response from communities about this upcoming performance.

Vicariate: COB contribution decision revisited

LOC \$ will go to the RMRC

COB \$ will go to the RMRC

HF and SA will weigh in about their support of the vicar

These moneys will then be paid to the vicar

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication: Sheila reports that we will continue to use constant contact format

Committee of two so far: Frank Quintana and Sheila Dierks

All the communities pastors received a request to appoint someone to this committee

Next Newsletter August (deadline for contributions July 26)

Newsletter content plans:

Vicars report

Community news

Book review

Stories: "how I found the ECC"

Frankly Speaking column (FQ)

Episcopacy

Brief report, this committee continues to meet monthly

Committee members, Strom, Shreiner, Kenney, Wycoff, Chenn, Friedman

Mission to facilitate discernment about regional readiness to call a bishop with plan to educate and survey

Current work is a trifold pamphlet which will in an abbreviated fashion lay out the ideas divided into three sections: HISTORICAL, THEOLOGICAL, PRACTICAL and contain resources links. Plan is to publish this both electronically and paper copy. This is a work in progress and committee will create a schedule for sharing content in real time as the work continues

Plan also includes community visits (planned in advance)

Finance presented by Chuck Howard in TS absence

RMRC filed for non-profit status and has to have a name change done

Setting up an office to serve the vicar/RMRC is thought to be a good idea

Vision for 2020 – office for full time Vicar/Bishop

Community tithing/rules – fund raising should be supplemental

Need for metrics to track progress:

1. Foundation document
2. Finance accounts receivable/payable
3. Data

Committee members identified but not yet recruited

Winnie Eaton

Kathleen Gorman

Model for payment for the bishop was established previously and represented with assumptions about hours worked and travel expenses and other expenses calculated - with assumptions for FULL TIME bishop at 60K/year with 30% added for expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Fellowship outreach KJ absent so we will put this on next month's agenda

Resolutions for 2010 ECC Synod – this meeting will be heavily weighted toward episcopacy. During the first three days the HOP and HOL will have only ½ hour scheduled together

Identified so far as ABSENT from the agenda:

1. Ethical code – resolve to accomplish in the next calendar year
2. Canon 67 (2007) removal of Bishop. Canon 6 identifies how to remove priest/deacon

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING LOC JULY 22 at 6:45

NEXT MONTHS AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Organizational logistics**
2. **Vicariate comments**
3. **15 minutes pre-meeting time**
4. **Foundational document work/discussion who do we engage and how**
5. **Review \$ compensation for vicariate and assure that this is operating smoothly**
6. **Finances**
7. **Fellowship outreach (Kris)**
8. **Synodal matters**
9. **Councils expectations for the Vicar**

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