

Minutes of the 07-22-10 Regular Meeting

Present: Tom Stumpf, Laura Strom, David Kenney, Sheila Dierks, Chris Jenkins, Frank Quintana, Paul Burson, Kathy Hammer, Len Schreiner

- Council members gathered for prayer at 6:45pm

- The regular meeting began with Fr. Len and the Vicar's report

- Fr. Len informed us of a concert by folksinger Mark Pearson on 8-26-10. There is a conflict with our next meeting date. The Council agreed to postpone next meeting until Wednesday, August 25.

- He has been reaching out to the communities to learn of needs, aspirations, plans. He is also engaging with the other ECC Vicars. He has just sent a letter to all the communities, updating us and sharing the role of the Episcopal Vicar in the ECC.

- Len asks if the Region would be interested in spiritual or educational opportunities that he might present or arrange (day of reflection; education on topical issues; other).
 - Discussion was that such events might be held quarterly, sponsored by the various communities.

- Chris suggested this could be a day of mixed fellowship and service. We could seek an organization that would benefit from a few hours of our service.

- We agreed that this will be done quarterly, with the exact nature of each event to be determined by the sponsors. *Holy Family agreed to take the third quarter, and LOC offered to sponsor a Day/Evening of Recollection in December for the fourth quarter.* Paul cautioned that we needed to be careful about "requiring" participation; rather, we might better take an inviting, encouraging approach.

●Len introduced a notion advanced by Fr. Frank Krebs (St. Louis) whose community has been exploring whether we would like to explore possibility of looking at forming one large region or diocese out of 2 or 3 existing ones.

●David and Chris shared concerns that this may be premature. The various regions are still in their early formative stages, and each has a separate character and personality. Let the Regions continue their internal development. David also shared concern about “central planning” among Vicars or others on such questions. Also that such notions tend to be driven by practical (eg financial or logistical) concerns, which are actually “second order” considerations. We should stick with our “first order” priorities.

●Paul liked the fact that people are talking about this, exploring possibilities. He encourages us to be open to such conversations, and that seemed to be the group’s consensus.

●Frank felt we have an abundance of bishops (including two new prospective bps) to provide oversight for the Communion.

●The “Foundational Document” is still making rounds of Council members, with each having the opportunity to suggest changes. We will send our suggestions to Laura, who will re-create a semi-final for consideration next meeting.

▪ Vicariate: Compensation. All four communities are pledged for a cumulative total that meets Fr. Len’s anticipated needs. Most are dividing their pledges between ECC and Region. Len had estimated his needs at \$375/month.

We agreed to begin paying Len \$400 per month, immediately. We will complete a Housing Allowance agreement with Len.

▪ Committee Reports

Communications: Sheila and Frank reported they have most articles already written for next Newsletter. They have developed their mission statement. They need articles by July 26th. Fr. Len will have a regular column.

This committee is working with Bill Hanzel re a Rocky Mtn Region website. Currently the Region site is embedded in Holy Family site.

Strategic Plan/Financials: Tom presented. Chuck still is our check-signer, but does not wish to continue. Tom agreed to assume this duty. *Kathy will be the second signatory on all checks.* Chris will help him to develop a chart of accounts and other bookkeeping essentials.

Episcopacy: Laura presented. Picking up steam, now focusing on the tri-fold brochure which will be the introductory, invitatory tool for the people of our communities. It will direct them to essential links. The semi-final brochure will be offered to lay/clergy leaders of the communities for initial preview.

- New Business

Resolutions for 2010 Synod: Sheila presented. We had a discussion re whether we should, as RMRC, be deliberating this since it's the DA's responsibility to address Synod. A good discussion, with clarification of the two bodies' respective roles.

- Council expectations of vicar

We agreed to enter Len's recent letter about the Role of the Vicar (generated on ECC level) in the minutes with a charge to Council that we take this to our communities for feedback.

- We closed with prayer and all went delightedly home.

Submitted by David Kenney