

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Regional Council (RMRC)

**Date:** August 27, 2009

**Location:** Church of the Holy Family

**Present:** Ms. Jude Biggs, Deacon Sheila Dierks, Mr. Chuck Howard, Fr. Scott Jenkins, Fr. Stan Manickam, Ms. Laura Strom, Mr. Tom Stumpf, Ms. Maryann Klasinski (Secretary)

Laura Strom opened the meeting by leading those present in an opening prayer. Chuck Howard welcomed visitors, offered instruction on the meeting process, and identified time on the agenda available for visitor feedback.

In delivering his Vicar's Report, Fr. Scott provided an update on the pending ordination of Lyn Boudreau, a potential ordination candidate from Colorado Springs. Fr. Scott also reported that Bishop Peter Hickman had some questions about the ordination of Lyn Boudreau, the Region's approach to having a regional Bishop, the visit of Bridget Mary Meehan, and other matters. A suggestion was made and accepted to schedule a meeting with Bishop Peter and the Rocky Mountain Regional Council during Bishop Peter's visit to Colorado for the ordination to the priesthood of Deacons Sheila Dierks and Teri Harroun on September 18. Jude Biggs and Laura Strom agreed to organize the meeting.

Deacon Sheila Dierks reported on the visit of Bishop Bridget Mary Meehan of the Roman Catholic Women Priests scheduled on September 4 and 5. Her report included an overview of regional communications supporting Bishop Bridget Mary's visit and an outline of logistics and scheduled events. Deacon Sheila noted the cost of plane fair and suggested a method of reimbursement for the expense.

Chuck Howard distributed a draft copy the Strategic Plan and Vision Statement for the Rocky Mountain Region. He identified the process for refining this document and requested feedback on the current draft by September 14. Feedback will be incorporated so that the RMRC can discuss the updated document during the September meeting.

Jude Biggs and Tom Stumpf provided an overview of a proposed RMRC Communications Plan designed to enhance communications on a regional and national level. Feedback on the communications plan is to be submitted to Jude Biggs by September 14. The updated RMRC Communications Plan is slated for discussion at the September meeting.

Chuck Howard led the discussion over filling the open position on the RMRC resulting from Deacon Kathleen Gorman's resignation. In the absence of a process to replace an RMRC member who resigns mid-term, Chuck will draft and distribute a proposed process. Feedback on the proposed process is due by September 14.

The discussion over filling an open position led to further review of term limits designated in January, when four RMRC members accepted one-year terms expiring at the end of 2009. For continuity purposes, the four RMRC members with one-year terms - specifically Jude Biggs, Deacon Sheila Dierks, Chuck Howard and Fr. Stan Manickam -- agreed to remain on the RMRC for an additional two years or through December 2011.

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Tom Stumpf facilitated visitor feedback. A requested agenda item for the September meeting was accepted. Fr. Don Rickard offered additional information on the open regional meeting scheduled with Bishop Peter Hickman on September 19. Lisa Nemmers shared information on Focus, software used during prenuptial counseling, and on VistaPrint, an online printing resource.

Agenda items identified for the September meeting include updated Strategic Plan and Vision Statement, updated Communications Plan, process for mid-term RMRC member replacement, and open time designated for Church of the Beloved.

The next regular RMRC meeting is scheduled for September 24 and will be hosted by Church of the Beloved. The October meeting is scheduled for October 22 at Light of Christ. Both meetings will run from 7pm to 9pm.

Fr. Stan Manickam led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.