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Minutes of the Southeast Alaska Deanery Convocation. Ketchikan, April 22-25, 2010

April 22, 2010: Meeting called to order after opening eucharist.

Present:

St. Michael & All Angels: Mtr. Jan Hotze

Holy Trinity: Fr. Wilson Valentine, Mike McDonough

St. Brendan's: Fr. Bob Stevens, Gene Smith

St. Andrew's: Mtr. Dawn Allen-Herron

St. Philip's: Alice Rooney, Marge Byrd

St. Peter's: Fr. Dave Elsensohn, Bridget Kaufmann, Gary Paxton, Nancy Jo Blier, ~~Blier~~ Bleier

Ira Snelling

St. John's: Fr. Ron Kotrc, Dr. Norm Herron, Adell Bruns, Lana Palmer

Dean, Fr. Gordon Blue

Assistant Dean, Mim McConnell

Treasurer, Ann Delill-Johnson will report telephonically

Excused:

Secretary: Carole Knuth; Bridget Kaufmann substituting.

Archdeacon: Fr. Mark Boesser, travelling

Quorum established

Budget Committee named:

Fr. David Elsensohn, Dcn. Alan Rockwood, Gene Smith, Alice Romney

Budget Discussion:

The process of establishing Deanery assessments was described.

This depends on the Parish Annual Report; Parishes should provide accurate data and make adjustments in census to assure proper assessment.

If there are difficulties and assessments cannot be paid in full, please let Treasurer know so that the deanery income and budget can be adjusted.

Motion: adopt the agenda. M/S/P

Recess: First Program session.

Convocation Program was led by Susan Pitchford, Third Order Franciscan, on establishing a Rule of Life.

April 23, 2010: returned to order, 9:35AM

Voice and seat was extended to all present.

Minutes of 2009 convocation presented; Emily^{ie} Wilson's name corrected. *to Emily^{ie} Valentine*

Motion: Approve Minutes. M/S/P

DEANERY REPORTS:

Dean's Report: Received. Executive Committee minutes forwarded for review.

Treasurer's Report: Received.

Discussion: The budget year is out of phase with the fiscal year, making the budget process confusing. The process for setting parish assessments needs to be described in the bylaws. The treasurer was asked to submit several different formats for review.

Nominations Committee Report:

Fr. Ron Kotrc stepped down from the nominations committee, retiring from Rector's position.

The Chair of the Nominations Committee is the Vice-Dean, under the bylaws. Fr. Wilson Valentine, Marge Byrd, and Nancy Jo Blier were appointed to the committee, and accepted their appointments.

The nominations process in the bylaws was discussed. The various processes and timeline are not gathered in one place, since the bylaws describe the functions of the committee relative to the offices. Bylaws revision was discussed. Fr. Valentine responded for the bylaws committee, that this is a matter of procedures, and a policy and procedure issue, not a matter to be handled by bylaws revision.

Motion: Task Bylaws Committee to develop a simple Policies and Procedures statement, describing the nominating process, with a timeline for each stage. M/S/P

This year, the executive committee affirmed persons for nomination to the society of St. Simeon & St. Anna. This was done, rather than waiting for Convocation, so that they could be forwarded for possible nomination by the Diocesan Convention, which met out of cycle, in order to elect Bishop Mark Lattime. The Convention nominated the persons affirmed by the executive committee, Bp. Kimsey accepted the nominations and they were installed to the Society.

St. Peter's reported that the Society of St. Simeon & St. Anna meets regularly in prayer. Fr. Wilson Valentine asserted that the Society is 'an individual thing' and the Bishop connects the individual people, that there is no group purpose, and members should not be instructed by a Rector. St. Peter's reported that the members of the Society of St. Simeon & St. Anna there were instructed by Bp. Mark MacDonald to meet regularly to pray together for the young people of the Diocese, and to serve as elders and grandparents to the young people there.

No other nominations were received.

Motion: Close nominations. M/S/P

Bylaws Committee Report: Mike McDonough.
No proposals received as of start of the Convocation.

Family Camp Committee Report: Received.

Family Camp will be held at Eagle River Methodist camp, Juneau, from July 31 - August 5, 2010.

Native Convocation Report: Received.

Arch Deacon's Report: None.

Standing Committee Report:

Fr. Bob Stevens, President, reported. Consecration of our new Bishop will be on September 4th, in Anchorage. It is a relief to be able to think about getting on with the business of the Diocese, now that the election has been accomplished. The Standing Committee will teleconference with the new Bishop, concerning the remaining interim. The House of Bishops has identified a mentor to assist with the transition. The Transition Committee has contacted the standing committee and is at work.

Mtr. Dawn Allen-Herron, at-Large Delegate to Standing Committee, reported that the Standing Committee, "needs input from the Deanery about church property in Gustavus." Added to New Business.

Transition Committee Report: Received.

Parish Reports: Received Orally.

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Parish Reports continued.

Diocesan Report: received orally and in written material.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report of Budget Committee: Draft Budget presented for discussion.

Ordination Gift: Deanery gift to the Bishop. Take special offering, rather than add to budget.

Camp: Budget line was modified, with responsibility for food and other 'extras' shifted to camp participants. Support for Mtr. Belle Mickelson's music ministry will be sought from Diocese (as Diocesan youth support.)

Paul Mather School: This activity is valued, but needs to be self-supporting.

New Mission Activity: This is important and Deanery wants to support, needs to find money.

Motion: Rename Line 41. Strike "St. Savior's Mission Support" and add instead, "New Mission Support." M/S/P

Motion: Accept Budget as amended. M/S/P

Motion: Change Deanery accounting to Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010. M/S/P

[NOTE to Convocation: The accounting year was restored to Annual Year accounting, in accordance with the national canon, by the Executive Committee, during the year.]

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion: Deanery to establish a special project in support of mission in SE Alaska. This is to be self-funded in support of mission in Gustavus, Haines, or elsewhere. Permission will be sought from the Bishop, and the Executive Committee will begin discussion of the project. M/S/P

Motion: Deanery will assist St. Michael and All Angels by assembling a work party to assist in building a church building, when they can supply materials. M/S/P

Motion: To form a committee to select a gift to present the bishop at Consecration. To request each Parish to appoint the offering collected on one Sunday, in support of this purchase. M/S/P

Bishop's Gift Committee named: Adell Bruns, Marge Byrd, Mtr. Dawn Allen-Herron.

Motion: To communicate with the Standing Committee, expressing the desire to retain the property for possible use of a mission, until a determination of its suitability could be made.

[NOTE to Convocation: The Executive Committee took time to explore this thoroughly, discovering in the process that the property was not of sufficient size to allow for the

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building of a chapel, or the necessary parking, and after much discussion, made a decision to support the recommendation of the Diocesan Property Committee to offer the property for sale. See Letter appended to Dean's Report.]

Motion: Next Convocation to be held at Holy Trinity in Juneau. M/S/P

Motion: Next Convocation to be held ending 3rd Sunday of Easter.