

Second Business Session of the S. E. Deanery Convocation Friday May 6, 2011

Mim McConnell arrived from Sitka.

Dean Fr. Gordon Blue opened the session with thanking Fr. Wilson Valentine for agreeing to perform the secretarial duties for the opening session and to Dn. Kathryn Snelling for accepting the position for the remainder of this convocation and for the term of the next Dean.

Minutes: The minutes of the 2010 convocation required several corrections.

Motion/second, Fr. Dave Elsensohn/Gene Smith, to accept the minutes and have them corrected as an administrative function, failed

Following further discussion it was decided to form a committee to make the revisions and resubmit. A committee of Dean, Vice Dean and Secretary was appointed.

The Dean called everyone's attention to the minutes of the Executive Committee teleconferences that were included in the delegate packets.

These minutes do not require approval by this body but the Dean just asked people to read for their information and see if there were issues they wanted further information or clarification on. None were stated.

At this point Fr. Dave asked to speak regarding the Travel Pool. The cost of travel to convocation is averaged out using a formula so all parishes share the burden over time. The importance of submitting travel receipts to the Treasurer was emphasized.

Treasurer's report:

Ann went over the written report in the packet.

Motion/second, Fr. Wilson/Dn. Georgia Giacobbe, to accept the treasurer's report, passed by voice

The budget committee requested a print out of the 2010 budget - Ann will provide. The committee will meet and present a budget for the remainder of 2011 and a proposed budget for 2012. The committee members are: Ann DeLill Johnson, Fr. Dave Elsensohn, Alice Rooney and Deborah Hayden.

Written reports in the delegate packet:

-Dean's Report

-St. Peter's Parish Report

Motion/second, Fr. Wilson/Talitha Lukshin to accept the written reports, passed by voice

Nominations Committee:

Vice Dean Mim McConnell has received nominations from two parishes of their members they are lifting up to the Bishop as candidates for the Society of St. Simeon and St. Anna.

During discussion it was noted that some deaneries keep the nomination process at the parish level while the Southeast Deanery has a tradition of submitting names, along with the forms, by Feb. 15 so they can be brought to the convocation for affirmation and then passed on to the Bishop. Induction of members into the society are at the Bishop's pleasure and done during the Diocesan Convention.

Motion/ second, Fr. Dave/Marlene Clarke, to nominate Fr. Ron Kotrc to the Ecclesiastical Court, passed by voice

Motion/Second, Talitha/Gene to accept nominations of Fr. Bob Stevens to the Standing Committee and Fr. Wilson Valentine to Vice Dean, passed by voice

The Bylaws Committee:

The committee, charged at last convocation with taking a look through the bylaws and developing a policies and procedures of the historical practices of the S.E. Deanery, are still in process. The goal is to produce a document

that will function as a working manual. This does not require any legislative action or amendment to the bylaws. Fr. Wilson also reported that no proposals to amend the bylaws were submitted to the committee.

Motion/second, Deborah Hayden/Alice Rooney, to accept the report, passed by voice

10 minute recess called at 10:55am

The Dean reconvened by introducing, Tiffany Smith who has agreed to coordinate the Family Camp.

Tiffany presented a Camp 2011 Schedule, menu and needs list. She spoke on all the activities she is planning and noted that although it wasn't on the schedule as submitted there would be siestas inserted.

Motion/second, Nancy Jo Bleier/ Ira Snelling, to accept the report, passed with enthusiastic applause.

Diocesan Report:

Suzanne Krull stated that it can be a matter of record that her favorite salmon is Yukon King!

She spoke to the importance of parishes completing and submitting their parochial reports to the national church by the deadline of May 1.

Alaska receives a Block Grant which requires that all parishes submit their reports. The diocesan staff will assist parishes to fill out the forms if they need. Just give them a call. She added that if all parishes contributed their full 25% to the diocese we would be self-supporting. 6 out of 50 parishes are at 25% or more, ½ gave 0%.

Next we heard a presentation by Fr. Wilson who chairs the Faith Into Tomorrow Endowment Oversight Committee.

He explained the 4 different grants and their areas of focus, including two new grants. He encouraged parishes to apply even if they were uncertain their project was a perfect fit to the grant. The committee strives to disburse all the funds they have available.

The deadlines for submitting forms are firmly held to and a request form for the next grant, Encouraging Spiritual Growth or Outreach, is due June 1.

Announcements:

Mim McConnell is taking on the management of the Southeast Seafarer, the Deanery web site. Thank you, Mim.

Dn. Georgia shared that she is leaving Alaska. She, her husband, Pete and their three cats head for the Dalles, Oregon in July. Our regrets at losing her presence in our diocese were expressed along with well wishes for her new venture. Georgia serves at St. Michael and All Angels in Haines, publishes the quarterly Good News for Deacons newsletter and is serving on the Commission on Ministry.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn S. Snelling