

April 22, 2007

**Michigan Call to Action
Quarterly Board Meeting**

Meeting began at 11:21 following lunch, which was furnished by Julia Archer at the home of Eileen Burns. Present were: Beth Rindler, Julia Archer, Eileen Burns, Jim Rose, Joe Droste, Jeannine & Jim Daly, Ron & Rosemary Moon. Absent: Kim Franke, Arnie Messing, Jen Marcus, Cheryl Bristol.

The timing for each item on the agenda was reviewed in consideration of the absence of so many. Also, it was suggested that in future we add time for updates from the state branches.

The opening prayer was offered by Jim Rose which had been prepared by Kim Franke.

Minutes: One correction for future minutes was to spell Jeannine Daly's name with 2 n's. Minutes accepted by consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the material in the absence of Kim, consisting of projections and reports worked out using the history from 2006 records. The budget was reviewed and decision was made to table finalizing until the next meeting. A finance committee was formed consisting of Mike Daly, Kim Franke and Jim Rose. Comment: the investments need a clear explanation re: Mark Denay.

Annual State Conference: Conference to be October 13th, 2007 in Saginaw at St. Andrew Catholic Church.

Kalamazoo will be in charge of registration

Saginaw, location and food

Metro Detroit will be responsible for the opening prayer.

Ann Arbor will work with Ron & Joyce Mason, who will again be asked to plan the closing liturgy.

Metro Detroit North, Jeannine will contact Terry Gonda, who did the music in 2006, to do it again this year.

Agenda will include Bob McClory's presentation in the morning and break-out sessions after lunch.

Members were asked to bring suggestions for the break-out session topics to the next meeting

Arnie, (via phone): suggested the person hosting the meeting might be the facilitator of that meeting. Discussion followed with no definite decision made. Other items pertaining to Arnie and the newsletter, Jim stated that it would be helpful to include the event calendar on the back of the newsletter that would be obvious before it is opened. A copy of the New York newsletter was passed around and discussed for reference. It was decided to get the newsletter back down to the 4 pages it used to be, agreeing it's possible to get the important information we desire, keep Arnie's wonderful additions, and lower the cost of printing.

Lay Synod: to be held in Detroit Sept. 19-20, 2008. Decided by consensus. The details will be worked out in the future.

Traveling Speaker: Michael Morwood has agreed to be our traveling presenter for the first week in March of 2008, March 3-7. Beth will organize the timetable, etc.

Board Retreat: Dates have been changed to September 28-29, with the regular board meeting to follow on the 30th. This will be held at the summer retreat of Kim Franke and Jim Rose (FYI, 7178 Old Channel Tr. Montague, MI 49437)

By-law changes: to be discussed at next meeting. Julia suggested that members study articles I & II and the proposed changes and be ready to update those two areas.

Renewal Letter: This will most likely be composed by Cheryl as Vice President.

>It was decided by consensus to raise annual dues to \$40.00 per family, \$25.00 for a single person.

Data-base: Discussion was held re: data-base management. Rita Carey will be contacted to determine whether or not she will be able to continue as data-base manager. There was discussion of possibility of hiring someone Eileen works with to continue if Rita is unable.

CTA 30th Anniversary Celebration: August 24th at St. Simon & Jude, Westland. Will be held in conjunction with Elephants in the Living Room, working with Bob Heineman of National CTA. Suggestion: David O'Brian, a CTA historian, has been contacted to be a presenter. Jeannine and Beth volunteered to work with bob on this celebration of 30 years of Call to Action.

>There is still a vacancy for someone to work on public relations. Beth also stated that we need to utilize national publications, such as *Churchwatch*, as a matter of course.

Brochure: Jim said this was posted on the website for final editing. The finished product should be ready by May 10th, to be included in the renewal letter.

>Beth presented a request from Bishop Gumbleton to join him in working for the situation in Colombia. Some members are already involved. No one else was able.

>Discussion: The person who is hosting the board meeting should be responsible for being familiar with the agenda, confirming items with those responsible for reporting on them. President will still be putting the agenda together.

Next Meeting: Arnie Messing's, July 22nd, 11am. Rosemary will be responsible for the prayer.

Rosemary Moon, Secretary