

**December 3, 2006**  
Michigan Call to Action  
Quarterly Board Meeting

Present: Beth Rindler, Cheryl Bristol, Kim Franke, Jim Rose, Arnie Messing, Joe Droste, Eileen Burns, Jeanene Daly, Julia Archer, John Marcus, Ron & Rosemary Moon

Meeting was held at the home of John and Sue (?) Marcus, who furnished lunch at noon. The meeting opened at 1:10 pm with a spiritual meditation offered by Kim. The liturgical readings for the first Sunday of Advent were read followed by prayer and personal prayer intentions.

**Minutes:** Cheryl had been asked to record the minutes of the last board meeting due to Rosemary's absence. Kim suggested the minutes of that board meeting be reformatted to follow the usual form. She and Jim will do this since they had attended the Sept meeting. This would be done within the next week. However, after further discussion the consensus was that the minutes' format would be difficult to reformat, so the original minutes would be on official record. Anyone taking minutes in the future will use the topical format listing decisions by consensus and action items.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim supplied copies of updated expenses and income to date. The closing balance was \$2019.62. Since a large part of this amount is restricted to donations made to the Womens' Ordination activities, Kim suggested we draw \$3500.00 out of our investments to cover coming projects. A motion was made by Eileen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanene. It was accepted by consensus. Kim also passed out copies of the 2007 budget as a reminder of projected expenses.

**Database:** Rita Carey, the database manager, sent updated lists by area to be given to the proper representatives. Rita has declined an invitation to be a member of the board, but will manage the database, keeping it up to date. In a related issue, Beth said there were 117 Michigan people who attended the National Conference. She has the complete list, and will send copies by January 1st to all the board members to identify those in their area. Members agreed to make personal contact where possible by January 8<sup>th</sup>. This is to find those who attend the National Conference but possibly don't belong to Michigan Branch.

**State Conference, 2006:** Eileen compiled all evaluations and passed out copies. Most responses were positive. Paul Lakeland's talk was well received, and the personal sharing by the various panel members was highly praised.  
**State Conference, 2007:** Several names were suggested for a speaker and Bob McClory was settled on as speaker if he agrees. If Bob is unavailable Lena Woltering was offered as another possibility. A title for the conference was decided: "Faithful Dissenters: Preparation for Synod of the Catholic Faithful." Lansing is the tentative location for the October 7, 2007 conference. Joe will try to find a facility by January. Arnie will write an explanatory article in the newsletter re: choosing different locations throughout the state for conferences, for the purpose of being mindful of travel.

**Traveling Speaker:** Sr. Kate Kuenstler has agreed to come and give a total of five presentations concerning the role of the laity in the church in March, 2007. Presently her schedule will be: Kalamazoo March 5<sup>th</sup>, Lansing, the 6<sup>th</sup>, Ann Arbor the 7<sup>th</sup>, Detroit the 8<sup>th</sup> and Saginaw the 9<sup>th</sup>. Beth and Rosemary will see to transportation throughout the state. Sr. Kate chooses to stay with private families instead of hotels.

**Synod of the Catholic Faithful, 2008:** Eileen put forth a list of necessities for consideration to prepare for the statewide synod: 1. Speaker

2. Process
3. Plans for ongoing participation
4. Timeframe/more than one day?
5. Location
6. Planning Commission

Every branch of Michigan CTA is asked to send a person to planning commission; preferably creative thinkers, historically knowledgeable, committed to two years of working, willing to travel to meetings.

Eileen reiterated the goal of the Synod of Catholic Faithful as a reminder:

To **Educate** the people of God in the Spirit of VII

To **Identify** and **Deliberate** on local church issues

To **Formulate** recommendations for implementation

The first meeting will take place in January, with members named by January 5<sup>th</sup>. Eileen also stated that it will be necessary that all local chapters participate in preparations for the synod in order to make a state-wide event successful.

**Appeal Letter:** Eileen has agreed to compose the letter and have it ready by January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bylaws:** Julia requested that all board members bring a copy of the bylaws to the next meeting, and she will be handing out information to be considered in conjunction with them.

**National Conference:** Minutes of the Michigan caucus that was held during the national conference were passed around. They were assembled by Kim, and covered the issues covered. There were about 50 attendees. Members of the board who attended were impressed, as usual by the quality that is always present in all the presentations at the conference, especially Joan Chittister, keynote speaker.

**Website:** Frieda Arpoika is able to receive material for the Michigan CTA website. Beginning with these minutes the minutes of board meetings will be posted on the website. Jim reported that the present information in the site is out of date, and contacts give wrong information. He said there is not enough information, and it is taking on a more inviting presentation.

**Newsletter:** Beth reiterated that there needs to be a membership form included in every newsletter. The newsletter also has to inform readers that we are posting the newsletter on the website, and in the effort cut down on mailing costs, the next two issues will include a request to inform us if they do no longer want to be on the mailing list. Julia reported that the problems with the mailing of the flyers for the Annual Conference in October are being straightened out with the USPO. She said she noticed also that the tri-folded flyers need to be of heavier bond to make it through mailing without being mangled.

Arnie stated that the next issue of the newsletter will be a combination of Fall, 2006 and Winter, 2007, and will be ready by sometime in January.

**Discussion:** After consideration, it was decided that for the purpose of expediency in length of time for the board meetings, a time limit will be placed at the start of the meeting. Members wanting any issues discussed will please send them in advance to the secretary to be added to the agenda.

**Next Meeting: Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Moons home, 235 Gaslight Lane, Saginaw. Lunch will begin at noon, and the meeting called to order at 1pm. Julia will lead the prayer**