

**July 22, 2007**  
**Michigan Call to Action**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting**

Meeting at the home of Arnie Messing began immediately following 10am coffee & refreshments.

Present: Jeannine Daly, Joe Droste, Cheryl Bristol, Julia Archer, Eileen Burns, Ron & Rosemary Moon, Karen Schrauben & Lisa Gering

Before usual business of meeting, Karen Schrauben introduced herself and was welcomed as the new board representative from Lansing branch, she will be joined by Lisa Gering was also welcomed as the new database administrator. Lisa reported she has updated the membership information, made necessary changes and that branches will be able to obtain mailing labels from her as necessary. She also said there are 1638 entries in the membership list.

Joe Droste announced his withdrawal from the board after many years of good service. He was sincerely thanked for his generous gifts of time and effort.

Prayer was offered by Rosemary from a book of prayer by Michel Quoist

Arnie served as Chairperson as the meeting was hosted by him

**Minutes:** Accepted by consensus

**Treasurer's Report:** The board thanked Kim & Jim for extensive budget work.

The following changes were requested;

Eileen: cut outreach in Detroit from \$600 to \$300

Karen: raise Lansing's budget from \$150 to \$250

Ron: align dollar amounts on decimal points for clarity

Jeannine: increase N. Metro from \$100 to \$300

Changes were accepted by consensus

Questions were raised re: the expenses of the CTA 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to our Michigan Chapter.

1. cost of mailing
2. will this be profit to us or loss
3. will we be credited with "in-kind service"

Discussion: Joe talked about making donations to CTA instead of church as a protest of current church activity. This was a suggestion, not an action. It was also suggested that we tighten up on dues as a note in the newsletter. Julia was delegated to write an article explaining again the difference between state and national CTA membership and dues. Karen will seek information on a plan for more PR called Faxaway.

**CTA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Arnie pointed out his article in the latest newsletter talking up the anniversary. It was reported that some have called the cost “pricey”. Discussion was held as to what is necessary to bring more attention to attending. Jeannine said personal calls are always effective to reach more people.

**Board Retreat:** Tabled. It was decided the timing is not good; attendance would be sparse.

**State Conference:** Discussion on agenda: Morning session with McClory talk and possible Q&A period. After lunch, break-out sessions. Possible topics:

1. financial accountability
2. parish life
3. selection of bishops/pastors
4. lay involvement
5. sexual abuse crisis
6. inclusivity
7. misc.

This would be followed by discussion, recommendations for implementation, follow-up. Attendees would be mixed with other than their own group for idea sharing.

**In the Spirit:** Julia is in charge of this. One nomination, Ron & Joyce mason for recipients of the award. Since the only other nomination had no supporting documentation about their nominee the Masons will receive this year’s In the Spirit Award

**Synod of the People of God 2008:** Eileen reported St. Paul Episcopal Church is a good possibility, but not fixed as yet. Speaker has not been decided as yet. She said there will be an effort to find hospitality homes for attendees to save lodging cost, since it will be a two-day conference, (Friday evening and Saturday, September 19-20, 2008)

**National Conference:** A caucus was discussed and it was decided to leave it to Beth Rindler to handle this.

Jeannine, Karen and Joe said they’re planning to attend this year.

**Database:** Lisa Gering agreed to update and date a complete list of board members showing the changes in membership, and send each member a copy. Anyone needing data information or labels can email Lisa: [mstekdream@yahoo.com](mailto:mstekdream@yahoo.com)

**Newsletter:** Arnie discussed the next issue after the annual MI conference. It was decided to stay with 4 pages, as long as important topics and information are not skimmed on. He also said a column from readers will be initiated soon. Information for the next issue should be submitted by mid-October; the completed issue will be printed about the last week of October.

**Website:** Tabled due to absence of Jim Rose.

**By-laws:** Tabled. Jeannine will send copies of Julia's suggestions for change to everyone. Julia will write a working paper for the next meeting, setting up a standard agenda items (i.e. In the Spirit Award, board elections) for future quarterly meetings.

**Branch updates:** Decided branch news will be included in Fall newsletter.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Kim and Jim's at 10am. Eileen will lead prayer. There was a consensus at this point that the retreat will be definitely canceled. Eileen suggested that at the next meeting a complete schedule for 2008 will be planned, including retreat, elections.

Julia offered to have the next meeting if it would be difficult for Kim & Jim.

Meeting closed at 12:45 with a prayer offering from Arnie.

Rosemary Moon, Secretary