

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES - August 1, 2019

Dennis Giblin chaired the meeting and led the group in a prayer given him by Kae Madden, who was absent due to illness, to open the meeting at 6:35 p.m. All present then joined in the Regional Prayer. Those present at the start of the meeting were:

Jane Reina - Mary of Magadala
Teri Harroun - Light of Christ
Jim DeMuth - Mary of Magadala
Dennis Giblin - Church of the Beloved
Don Sutton - St. Paul
Mike Weil - Church of the Holy Family
Greg Yonker - St. Paul
Jack Wolfe - Light of Christ, who recorded these notes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dennis called attention to the agenda, and asked for additions. Jim DeMuth asked for an opportunity to address the group.

EXPERIENCES OF DELIGHT

At Kae's suggestion, and as a follow up to the July social gathering, to improve personal connections among the members, each of those present reported an experience of delight from the July meeting or since.

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING NOTES

Dennis called attention to the notes of the RMRC May, 2019 meeting. It was noted that there was information missing in the Community Report of St. Paul. Following discussion, the notes of the May meeting were accepted, subject to Greg's reflection and providing of the missing information from St. Paul.

There were no notes taken for July, as an informal social gathering replaced a formal meeting in July.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Greg called attention to the July, 2019 financial report which was previously distributed. Following discussion, the report was accepted.

REGIONAL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Dennis noted that today, August 1, was the deadline for the next edition of the Regional Newsletter, and he asked that anyone that had additional information that they wished to be included get it in immediately.

Vicar Michael Nicosia, with guest Rosemary Nicosia, his mother, joined the meeting in progress.

UPDATE ON BISHOP CALL AND POLITY TEAMS

Dennis noted that Vicar Michael had sent out notes from the teams' recent meetings for review. Mike Weil reported on progress of the Policy Team and Dennis and Vicar Michael reported on progress of the Bishop Call Team. Michael noted that he had written an article for *The Journey Shared* on the history, progress and plans of the teams.

The Call Team is almost complete and hopes to submit its preliminary Bishop Position Description to Bishop Francis and the RMRC in time for RMRC to receive a response from Bishop Francis by the Council's September meeting.

The Polity Team hopes to have its preliminary document to Bishop Francis and RMRC in mid-October, for review by RMRC at its November meeting.

Each team will draft their own submittal cover letter, to be reviewed by RMRC via e-mail, after which they will send it off to Bishop Francis with their work product.

After comments from Bishop Francis and RMRC have been incorporated, a "semi-final" version of both teams' outputs will be made available to each of the five Communities. Each Community will determine how they will present it for review by their community members. A representative of each Community will gather any comments received and send them as a single document to the teams. A representative of each team will respond to the Communities as to how they addressed each of the comments from that Community. The Community will then make those responses available to its members to demonstrate transparency and show that all comments were heard, even if not adopted. It was suggested that this be accompanied with some variation of: "The work of the Teams will continue and we ask for your prayers for their continued work."

VICAR'S REPORT

Michael reviewed his July report. He noted that the 2020 ECC Synod would be in St. Louis, with a theme of "Church in a 21st Century World."

Bishop Rafe will host a Zoom Conference, in book club format, starting in September on the history, theology and ecclesiology of the Auld Catholic Church.

Michael then called attention to his August report, which was previously distributed, and specifically noted the following items in it:

Tim Perlick, a seminary student attending St. Paul is working on a thesis exploring whether ECC and ELCA shared faith communities can bring the churches into full communion. Bishop Francis is excited about providing input to him, and Michael suggested that ECC Communities that are nested with Lutheran Communities should invite Tim to any joint liturgies they might be having.

Fr. Scott has joined St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church, but with the support of both Bishop Francis and the local Episcopal Bishop, he will be maintaining his ECC faculties in good standing, and will be able to continue his Celtic Way ministry.

POSTING OF RMRC MEETING NOTES ON RMRC WEBSITE.

It was noted that the last notes to be posted were from March. Michael noted that the website home page needs to be fully updated, and that he would be contacting the webmaster concerning all of this. *[Note that as of August 3, all minutes through June are posted, as well as the Spring Newsletter.]*

FILLING RMRC VACANCIES

Mike indicated that he would report back at the next meeting concerning Holy Family's replacement for John Head.

Jane indicated that Deacon Rosean Amaral would replace Fr. Jim upon his retirement.

Jane indicated that she and John Head have been in communication and that John wants to report on his decision to withdraw from the RMRC face-to-face.

VICAR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Following discussion reimbursement for Vicar Michaels expenses for the Suicide Desperation training were approved.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Mary of Magdala

Jim DeMuth thanked the Council for their expressions of kindness and appreciation at the July gathering.

Jane has been approved and supported by all at MofM in her call to the priesthood.

The Pastor Call to replace Jim upon his retirement has gone out. In the meantime, they are looking for an Interim Pastor, and will accept all offers to celebrate Mass until one is found.

MofM is joining with nesting communities, Trinity and St. Paul, in a habitat project for a muslim woman, both physically and financially.

Fr. Jim's Mass celebrating his retirement is August 18th, to be followed by a catered dinner.

The Feast of Mary of Magadala will be celebrated on August 22nd.

St. Paul.

The Community is putting on a hard press for new parish council members to replace term-limited members.

They have had to bring suit against their insurance company to find a settlement of their roof hail damage claims.

Food Bridge, a group that trains immigrant chefs to be caterers, will start using the industrial kitchen that is presently vacant.

Church of the Beloved

They will have an outdoor Mass on August 25 to celebrate their feast day

They are again collecting school supplies for children at a neighboring school.

They are continuing monthly "family" home masses.

Church of the Holy Family

Teri Thompson, who has been active in the ECC over the years recently passed away.

Vicar Michael's Suicide Prevention presentation was a hit.

They will have their Picnic in the Park on August 18th

They have one confirmation coming up, and are looking for another Community in Colorado that might have a similar use for a bishop to visit.

Light of Christ

They had their All-Parish Picnic after Mass last Saturday evening.

They have a Prison Ministry Team in development that leads a communion service with homily at the Larimer County Jail. This is part of the Parish Pastoral Care Team that also has a home eucharist ministry. The prison services are difficult due to the rules they have to follow, and can be emotionally draining. The Team gave the homily at LofC Mass recently to speak of their experiences, and the homily is available on the LofC website.

They will focus on Stephen Ministry in August.

They are planning a book club with their new Youth Group Leader around "Three Days", about Jesus at middle school age.

They are tentatively moving into FaceBook with a monthly children's book reading. Last month's had 131 views.

BLESSINGS

Dennis led a closing prayer.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.