

Episcopal Ministries of Central Wisconsin

Meeting of January 14, 2012

Parish Representatives present from:

- ❖ St. James, Mosinee: Ronald Knutson, Luetta Hartz
- ❖ Intercession, Stevens Point: Jim Sachs
- ❖ St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids: Rev. Vicki Natzke, Penny Cleworth, Bob Cleworth, Marilyn Gleue
- ❖ St. John's, Wausau: Fr. David Klutterman, Dottie Rathjen

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Jim Sachs (Intercession, Stevens Point) and the agenda distributed.

1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Klutterman
2. New Year Status: A review of each parish status by the members present, as of the New Year, was held; with attention to budget and operations.
 - Intercession, Stevens Point: The Sunday evening worship has been successful in attendance. There are new people attending, and Mother Jane is active in the community. A positive influence for the parish.
 - St James, Mosinee: A large donation has been received by an anonymous donor. This will allow the purchase of a furnace. The soup supper has been well attended. Parish members are involved in all aspects of the worship.
 - St. John's, Wisconsin Rapids: Three new members have been received. There has been increased usage of the facilities by community groups.
 - St. John's, Wausau: The parish and members of St. John's are in a good place, and the vestry at their recent meeting have decided that with this, every third month, the vestry will set aside the business of the parish to focus on the spiritual needs through reflection or retreat.
3. Visible Inventory: Tom Goode was unable to attend this meeting.

ACTION: Information will be presented at the April meeting.
4. Lay Ministries: The Lay Ministries Workshop will be presented on Saturday, January 21, 10 am to noon, hosted by St. John's, Wausau. There has been interest from a number of parishes throughout the Diocese to attend and participate in the training. Deacon Amanda Sampey will lead the Lay Eucharistic Ministers teaching, Rev. Vicki Natzke the Chalice Bearers, and Fr. David Klutterman will review and discuss leading Morning & Evening Prayer.

Bishop Jacobus has issued a moratorium on admitting persons to the process of ministry, anticipating that he will retire in the next few years. David Natzke will be attending the Lay Ministry Workshop to gain information that may be used as a model throughout the Diocese for lay ministry training.

Policy Book: Rev. Natzke has developed a skeleton policy book compiling Diocesan policies and procedures. This was sent to all clergy of the diocese for review and use. Local congregations and vestry persons are urged to review this and add the various needs and expectations specific to their parish.

5. Draft of Sacramental Ministry Report: Follow-up information regarding the sacramental ministry report was provided. This will be an ongoing process as the group moves forward.
6. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Extensive discussion about the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist as the Center of Our Faith was held. There is an expectation that every congregation have the Eucharist available every Saturday/Sunday. The Book of Common Prayer notes this to be the “principal act of worship”.

ACTION: Follow-up information will be presented at the April meeting.

A Deanery Day, to be held on Saturday, February 25, for clergy and laity, was discussed. The role of the deaneries, the geographical locations, and how the deaneries could be utilized was also reviewed. It was noted that the questions to be considered at the February 25 meetings are similar to those that were discussed at the Bi-Diocesan Day held in September 2011.

7. Next Meeting Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012, 10 am to noon, at St. John’s, Wausau
8. Closing Prayer: Rev. Vicki Natzke

Respectfully submitted,

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