



Provincial Council Meeting

Episcopal House in Newark

October 12, 2007

Present: Kim Byham, Rt. Rev. George Councill, Louie Crew, Martha Gardner, Peter Hausman, Chuck Perfater, Dorothy-Jane Porpeggia, Michael Rehill, Petero Sabune.

Several Network representatives attended in the afternoon.

Absent: Rt. Rev. Michael Garrison, Dawn Gandell, Laurie Wozniak

Friday, October 12, 2007

9:30 am Opening prayer by Bishop Councill

We approved the minutes of the February meeting.

Debra Wagner has moved to Maine and is no longer on the *Episcopal Life* board. We elected to fill her position The Rev. Timothy Schenck, Rector, All Saints, Briarcliff Manor, Diocese of New York, chair of the editorial board of the *Episcopal New Yorker*, and winner of many Polly Bond Boards. He was nominated by Neva Rae Fox. Chuck Perfater will notify Tim and Gene Willard, President, Board of Governors. Martha Gardner stressed that future elections need to reflect the diversity of the Province.

Chuck Perfater reported on the July Stewardship Mentors' Conference. Thirty-one people from seven of our dioceses participated, including five from the Virgin Islands (whose lodging and meals we underwrote). To conclude the training, the group presented a one-day stewardship workshop for the Province. It had to be moved to Cathedral House, in order to accommodate an unexpected turnout of over one hundred persons from several of the surrounding dioceses.. See the handout "Registration: Stewardship Mentors Conference." These people are good resources to call upon .

Louie Crew urged all present to support the work of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for General Convention. February 1st, 2008 is the deadline for suggesting nominees or nominating oneself. The official application form and descriptions of all the positions are on the Committee's website at <http://tinyurl.com/2dv9fr>

Chuck Perfater gave us the financial report on the stewardship conference, which netted \$1,112.75.

Report on the September House of Bishops Meeting in New Orleans – Bishop Councill

"The meeting was well attended by the active bishops plus a large number of retired bishops and others that often stay away, including Fort Worth and Quincy. Many retirees left after the part of the meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury.