

Minutes  
Province II Council Meeting  
Friday, April 28, 2006  
Century House, Latham, NY

Present: Kim Byham, Rt. Rev. George Councell, Louie Crew, Martha Gardner, Chuck Perfater, Dorothy Jane Porpeggia, Michael Rehill, David Robinson, Petero Sabune, Debra Wagner

Absent: Rt. Rev. Michael Garrison, Peter Hausman

President Michael Rehill called the meeting to order at 5p. He introduced Dorothy Jane Porpeggia as Chancellor for Province II, and Council indicated its pleasure.

### **Meeting Schedule**

We agreed to meet on October 20-21, 2006, noon-to-noon, at Episcopal House in Newark.

We tentatively approved meeting on February 23-24, 2007, with a possible alternative of February 2-3rd, the venue still to be determined.

Province II will have an event at General Convention at the assigned time on the official calendar, 6:30p on Monday, June 19th. Michael Rehill will explore desirable sites and recommend one to us. Once known, we will alert Triennial delegates as well as deputations of the Province.

Provincial caucuses will meet at lunch on Tuesday the 20th, to select the nominees for the PB nominating committee – two from each order and the Convention will choose from our nominees.

We agreed to require a biographical form for consideration to be on this committee, as we have required in the past, so that all will know in advance who is running. Chuck Perfater will obtain a biographical form and circulate it to all deputies in the Province..

Only deputies sitting at the time can vote. Michael Rehill will chair the voting session.

### **Provincial Council Email Communications**

We approved Louie Crew's setting up a private listserv for the Council. He has done so, and all have been added as participants.

The address which reaches all of us is [Province2Officers@yahoo.com](mailto:Province2Officers@yahoo.com)

The group's website is at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Province2Officers/> At that site you have several options. For example, you can suspend mail, elect to receive mail in digests, upload pictures and files, access past messages, access the group's calendar, send reminders.... You will need to have a yahoo groups identity and password to access these features, and I urge you to accept the automatic invitation sent to you if you have not already done so.

### **Editor of The Grapevine**

Jan Paxton has generously agreed to continue as editor of The Grapevine until we can find a replacement. She recommended that we try to find someone who is not in the Diocese of Newark. We agreed to look for persons in other dioceses of the Province who have the skills and dedication required. We unanimously expressed our appreciation to Jan for her service to this ministry and for maintaining it as a consistently high standard for so many years.

### **Plans for our meeting in October**

We will invite representatives of our networks to report briefly on Friday afternoon. Michael Rehill suggests continuing that practice. It was agreed to organize much of the afternoon meeting to enable the representatives present to offer input and advice regarding the program for the spring '07 Convocation. We need to have their input to assist the design team in producing a plan for the convocation.

### **Budget Requests**

Michael Rehill: The representatives will ask for money, and we have a budget in place, with a lump sum set aside for networks. We have a procedure: requests go to Chuck Perfater for review of thoroughness and accuracy, and then to all of us for our decision. We do not expect from the networks a high level of particularity.

Peter Hausman will explain both of the request forms and the process to be used by the networks to seek financial support at the next meeting of Council.

The convocational event which is being planned by Martha Gardner and Petero Sabune and a Design Team will likely be one of the big items in our budget.

We have one request already, from The Church Periodical Club (CPC). Susan Kynor's term expires as the Province II CPC representative to the Triennial at the end of the provincial Triennial meeting (April 28). Susan Kynor has requested the money to send her replacement and four other persons to General Convention (\$480, the fee for the Triennial; and \$100 towards travel – for each of the 5). We approved paying these amounts for the new CPC chair only, not for the four others.

### **The 2007 Convocation of the Province**

Petero Sabune appealed for volunteers for the 2007 Convocation of the Province, especially volunteers to help coordinate registration. He will set out the jobs for which we need help so that Chuck Perfater can circulate them.

The dioceses of Central New York, Western New York, and Haiti do not have a representative on the design team. Chuck has spoken to the bishops of WNY and CNY in this regard. Martha Gardner will email the list of those on the design team to Louie Crew.

Dorothy-Jane wants to be sure that Province II remains a safe space for Via Media folk (Albany) as well as for the new leadership in the Diocese of Albany.

Bishop Councill asked whether we have \$5k to bring in someone from outside as a keynote. Chuck Perfater indicated that we may be able to do so; but, he cautioned that there is a likely \$5k hidden cost on the event not covered by the attendee registration fees.

The next convocation meeting is set for July 7, 2007.

Martha Gardner noted that the Province II Convocation needs the Provincial Synod to be a part of the network. She noted that it is important for Councill and Garrison to challenge their colleagues to participate.

### **Other:**

Bishop Duracin is disappointed that Province II has not done more for Haiti.

The theme of next year's convocation is "Come and Grow", which piggybacks on the theme for General Convention.

Dorothy-Jane Porpeggia wants us to engage youth at the Convocation; Chuck Perfater stressed that we will try but there is already a conflict with their planning for their

summer jamboree (April 20-22 2007). Don Carlson (Diocese of Central New York) will help find some way they can participate for some part of the convocation.

Chuck Perfater will set up a conference call with the design group to do a post mortem on the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louie Crew, Province II Secretary