

MINUTES SIERRA NEVADA MAC

September 9, 2005
Our Savior's, Sparks

PRESENT: Dean Galvin, Chair; Ed Krueger, Buster Hunsaker, Ron Arnold, Vic Maslowski, Jack Scheuermann, Gloria Stillman, Steve Barckholtz

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING DEVOTION The meeting was called to order by Dean Galvin, who also led in a devotion and prayer.

DISCUSSION OF VACANCIES There was a brief discussion about possible persons to invite to fill the vacancies that exist on the MAC.

MINUTES Minutes from the May 6th meeting were approved as presented. Minutes from the July 29th Conference Call were approved with the correction that Vic Maslowski had made the presentation about the Plumas County congregations.

DISCUSSION ON "PRESENT-FUTURE" Ed Krueger led a discussion on the Introduction and Chapter 1 of Reggie McNeal's book. Discussion for next time will be on Chapter 2.

GRANT PRIORITIES & PARAMETERS Ed Krueger discussed the priorities and parameters for evaluating the Mission Grant Proposals. Emphasis was given to the information contained in the MAC Manual, Section 1, page 15.

CNH DISTRICT FUNDING Ed Krueger provided financial information about the potential mission funding and dollars expected to be available for 2006. A breakdown of potential is as follows:

- 1) \$350-400,000 from CNH Mission Budget
- 2) \$50-500,000 from Reformation Mission Offering (the goal is \$500,000, reality for this first time effort is probably closer to the lower amount)
- 3) \$0-2,500,000 from CNH Endowment Fund (these dollars are set aside by the Board of Directors for future use and would require Board action to release any, all, or part for use in the 2006 Mission Budget)

Real dollars are expected to be in the \$4-500,000 vicinity, with the potential to be upwards of \$1,000,000.

Total Grant requests from all 5 MACs are expected to be in the realm of \$1,500,000.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS EVALUATION 5 Grant requests were received and were evaluated, as follows below. Discussion ensued about the fact that commitments to existing missions will need to be honored in 2006, but education and communication with these missions/missionaries with an eye toward 2007 will need to be undertaken. Also, each request was evaluated on its own merits, not in “competition” with the other requests. Questions for clarification were developed for each request. Most of the questions are for the committee’s further education and understanding of the current ministries. All of the questions were intended to help the ministries clarify their purposes.

1) Immanuel, Ely:

Questions for Immanuel were as follows—Please flesh out how you will achieve the objectives in the grant. How will you deal with the potential growth (Assimilation)? How do you plan to raise up and train lay leaders, sharing the labors as a team with the Pastor?

Deadline: 10/1/05 via email to Dean Galvin & Ed Krueger

Communication: Steve Barckholtz will communicate these questions to Pastor Walter via email.

2) Our Savior’s, Sparks:

MAC Member Ron Arnold, Pastor of Our Savior’s, stepped away from the table as this proposal was discussed.

Questions for Our Savior’s were as follows—Please develop a Mission Plan to detail how this new ministry in Spanish Springs will be undertaken. Also, address how the existing congregation at Our Savior’s plans to have ownership of this new satellite campus and ministry.

Deadline: 10/1/05 via email to Dean Galvin & Ed Krueger

Communication: Dean Galvin will communicate with Pastor Arnold at the conclusion of this meeting.

Ron Arnold rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of this discussion.

3) Faith, Yerington

Questions for Faith were as follows—Please provide/develop a more detailed Community Description. Develop specific vision, goals, and steps for implementation. Remove the modular from the request as this is an issue for CEF and is beyond the purview of the MAC. How will lay leaders be raised up to share the labor with the Deacon? What is the specific/complete financial picture at Faith (please provide balances of general funds and dedicated funds)?

Deadline: 10/1/05 via email to Dean Galvin & Ed Krueger

Communication: Dean Galvin will communicate with Deacon Harding as the contact person named on the Grant Request in no longer attending Faith.

4) River of Life, Dayton

Questions for River of Life were as follows—Regarding all of the activities listed to meet the objectives, which of these are currently happening? And, which are goals for beginning in 2006? What is the priority to all of these activities? Also, how are lay leaders to be trained and incorporated into the achievement of these activities and objectives?

Specific Budget questions: Break down and explain #9—What is this category? What does this mean/entail? And why is it increasing from \$18,000 to \$30,000. Also, explain #3—How are the benefits (assumed to include health, retirement, etc.—if this assumption is false, please clarify) proposed to decrease from \$24,000 to \$22,500? Finally, explain why the overall request for 2006 is and should be larger than the 2005 grant.

Deadline: 10/1/05 via email to Dean Galvin & Ed Krueger

Communication: Dean Galvin will communicate these questions to Pastor Garwood.

5) Plumas County Lutheran Ministries

Discussion directed this request to seek an LWML grant or other such funding sources. If as 2006 unfolds a need presents itself, discussion of how to fund and help these ministries would be undertaken. A clear desire to support and assist the congregations in Chester, Greenville, and Portola was expressed.

Communication: Ed Krueger will communicate the tools for seeking an LWML grant with Pastor Maslowski who is acting as liaison to the Plumas County congregations.

DISCUSSION OF SUB-COMMITTEES Dean Galvin led a discussion on the development of several sub-committees to spread out and increase the working of the Sierra Nevada MAC.

Assignments to three sub-committees are as follows:

- 1) Demographic Sub-Committee: Ron Arnold
- 2) Communication to Congregations/Prayer Sub-Committee: Buster Hunsaker & Steve Barckholtz
- 3) Grant Request/Proposal Sub-Committee: Dean Galvin

NEXT MEETING Friday, October 7, 2005, 12noon-3:00pm, at St. Luke's, Reno (Ron Arnold will check on the use of St. Luke's and report back ONLY if there is a change in location.)

CLOSED WITH PRAYER/ADJOURNEMENT The meeting closed with prayer and was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Barckholtz, St. Mark, Elko