

**EAM Chinese Convocation Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Convener Ada Nagata at 9:30 a.m. at the Great Hall of the Cathedral Center of Saint Paul, Echo Park.

Present: Butch Gamara, Torres Hui, David Jackson, Connie Lam, Peter Lam, Gordon Lau, Yvonne Lau, Judy Lin, David Lui, Selina Lui, Henrietta Ma, Janis Magnuson, Ada Wong Nagata, Joshua Ng, Peter Ng, Thomas Ni, Merry Chan Ong, Fran Toy, Barbara Vlachos, Michelle Wong, Tom Wong, Mimi Wu, Karena Yee

Barbara Vlachos was invited to take minutes.

Business

1. eNews: please send articles and updates to: chineseconvocation@gmail.com
2. Brief report on the results of March clergy retreat 2010: share resources and to meet once a year. It is uncertain if there is meeting in 2011 yet.
3. Web site (eamchinese.org) is being updated
4. RCL – Torres Hui reports that a few volunteers are working on the bilingual Chinese/English texts of the RCL lectionary. It will be posted on the Chinese Convocation web site
5. Financial report:
 - Internship Fund: \$3187 (\$162 collected 1/24)
 - Prayer Book Fund: \$530
 - General: \$8821.In the 2010 EAM Strategic Planning meeting, the EAM Council requested each convocation to consolidate their funds – need further discussions

Discussions:

- (A) Moved to change name of Internship Fund to Education Fund by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy, thus less restrictive, seconded by The Rev. David Lui
MOTION: Trust office to make decision at officers' discretion.
Motion carried.
- (B) Prayer Book fund – to be moved to General Fund by The Rev. Judy Lin, seconded by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy. Money continues to be held by EAM council.
Motion carried.
- (C) General Fund – Convener states that the use of the fund was not clear. Peter Ng explains that it was originally set up as trust fund for Chinese Convocation Endowment fund. The fundraising stopped and the money was transferred to the Episcopal Church Center account and it was only released last year and was then deposited into EAM Council Account.
MOTION: Karina moved to have the fund as General Fund for general use, seconded by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy.
Motion carried.

The fund is to be allocated at the discretion of EAM Chinese Convocation officers.

MOTION: 10% of the Fund money can be designated for congregational development. Moved by The Rev. Dr. Gordon Lau, seconded by The Rev. Dr. Fran Toy.

Motion carried.

The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata pledged to donate over \$600 to make the General Fund reach \$10,000, thus this year \$1,000 can be granted for congregational development. She encouraged members to give if they can to share abundance with others in need.

6. Delegates to EAM Strategic Planning

Convener & Vice Convener – automatic delegates to strategic planning

Karina was nominated to go, she tentatively agreed.

Still need youth or young adult to be delegate, will recruit later.

7. Discussions on next year's CCLG -

Date (Chinese New Year Jan. 23):

- To encourage more lay persons to go, perhaps a Fri, Sat, Sun for working lay persons
- Perhaps February 2012 – suggested by Ada. Feb. 9, 10, 11 – tentatively

Location:

- First choice Northern California
- Second choice L. A.
- Pricing: Call Mercy Center – The Rev. Connie Lam
Call Bishop's Ranch – The Rev. Merry Ong Chan
They will report back to the convener.

8. Deployment: it has been ongoing issue that congregations with no priests & priests with no job.

9. Recap of the whole gathering with some of the presenters' power points and hand-outs for later evaluation

10. Other business

Vision Statement – revisited

Options:

- Being part of the body of Christ, we act as guiding lights and conduits of Gods love.
- As members of the body of Christ, we strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love.

- Votes: (9 votes) We, as members of the body of Christ, strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love. (suggested by Yvonne)
- (5 votes) We, as members of the body of Christ, strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love to all people (suggested by Butch, David Lui)
- (0 vote) We, as members of the body of Christ, strive to be guiding lights and conduits of God's love to the world (suggested by Yvonne)

Conclusion: the Vision Statement is:

We, as members of the body of Christ, pledge to be guiding lights and conduits of God's Love.

The statement will be visible in all our official communication

EVALUATION

1. Eucharist –
 - Liturgy – personally inclusive – GOOD
 - Will maintain Eucharist in the beginning as most people are there
2. Presentation – The Rev. Dr. Sze-Kar Wan
 - Seemed rushed
 - Excellent material but not enough time
 - Would like to invite Sze-Kar Wan return next time
3. Would like to have Bishop Diane Bruce back – but with the meeting being to be in Northern California she might not be able to attend.
4. Spiritual Consultation
 - It is a good idea, but people do not seem to understand what it is
 - May make it clearer about who the spiritual advisors are and what it is in the context of meditation – perhaps a sentence to explain beforehand
 - Keep Quiet Time for next year.
5. Presentation – The Rev. Eric Law
 - The presentation was good but the audio-visual quality was not so good
 - Video conference seems to be better for large group, without the video might be better for this occasion.
6. General Evaluation –
 - The schedule seems to be too compact for seniors per Gordon Lau, OK for everyone else.
 - Food is excellent
 - Should update the parishes with information regarding the gathering – suggest to post information 6 months early re: traveling scholarships available and time to prepare budgets.

7. Other comments:

- Butch suggested sending notes to those who could not make it.
- Fr. Lau thanked Ada and her team of workers.
- Butch – suggested to update current issues of Anglican Communion in next gathering
- Next year topic may be on Stewardship
- Ada informed participants that travelling scholarships are available, pending on the grants from Province VIII, it might be up to :
\$100 for flying from N. California; \$150 East Coast and \$200 Hawaii

Closing prayer and grace before lunch by The Rev. Thomas Ni

People stayed for lunch or departed.

Respectfully submitted by

The Rev. Ada Wong Nagata
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