REGION IV COUNCIL

November 17, 2010

Church of St. Clement

President Cleve Corlett called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed all. The Rev. Anne Gavin Ritchie gave the opening prayer.

**Minutes:** the September minutes were approved**.**

**Treasurer**: the financial report was distributed. Balance available is $12,011.64.

**Executive Board:**

The Rev. John Hortum reported on the recent meeting of the Deans, Executive Board and Regional Presidents. The Diocese is facing a deficit, and there is concern about the cost of the litigation with regard to the property dispute. Bishop Johnston was very pleased with the “Listening” events/process; more people than expected participated.

**Election:** Elizabeth Henry, St. Paul’s, was elected Secretary of Region IV by acclamation to serve until Annual Council 2014.

**Future Meetings of Region IV Council:**

(Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at Church of St. Clement)

February 16, 2011

May 18, 2011 (Pot Luck with program)

September 21, 2011

November 16, 2011

**Endorsements:** The nomination of Cindi Bartol Christ Church, to serve as Deputy to General Convention 2012 was endorsed unanimously.

[Subsequent to 11/17, the nomination of Jean Reed, Grace Church to serve as Member of the Standing Committee and as Deputy to Provincial Synod was endorsed by email.]

**Region IV Outreach**: President Cleve Corlett reported that Jane Gilchrist is chair of the Outreach Committee. A motion that the chair call a meeting of all 8 parishes’ representatives to discuss the outreach budget passed unanimously. That committee’s recommendations will be presented at the February 16, 2011 meeting.

**Discussion of the Proposed Anglican Covenant:**

Cindi Bartol led a spirited discussion using the “Translation of the Ridgely-Cambridge Draft of the Anglican Covenant (*into English from Churches). “*

A motion to ask Bishop Johnston to provide time and space for a workshop on the Anglican Covenant at Annual Council passed unanimously.

**Round Robin:** as the hour was late, it was decided that news from the parishes would be emailed to the Secretary. (See below for reports received)

**Closing Prayer:** The Rev. John Hortum led the closing prayer.

Parish Reports:

**Church of St. Clement**:

They had a great experience with an art auction in November.  Two parishes from Region 3 came to see how it went and Trinity, Arlington is going to try it for their preschool.

The shelter is trying to be open for six nights a week with either women OR r men on each night. Bishop Ted Gulick will be visiting on December 12th.

There will be a wine tasting on Nov. 19th

Martha Crawley is the delegate to Annual Council and will be to Region IV.

**Church of the Resurrection:**

On Sunday, December 5, at 11:20 AM: nationally-known church historian Dr. Diana Butler Bass will discuss “Spiritual and Religious: Is There a Vital Future for Christianity?” If your forum planners would like to join us, they and members of your congregations are most welcome.

Lenten Series Announcement: The Very Reverend Dr. Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, will make two Lenten presentations at the Church of the Resurrection on his recent book *Against Atheism* on Sunday evenings, March 27 and April 3. A delicious potluck dinner will precede the sessions; Dr. Markham’s book will be available for purchase and for signing. This is an all-region event, so PLEASE let your Rectors and Directors of Christian Formation KNOW about this event. This is something for ALL of us.

And just for fun: Resurrection will hold its annual Advent dinner on Saturday, December 4, at 6:30 PM. Please join us for a catered dinner, guest speaker, The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade, and entertainment by the choir. The cost is $25 per person and all are welcome.

**Grace Church**

Please see the Special Events calendar, distributed with the September minutes.

Grace Church will be hosting a Pre-Lenten Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee of $35. It will be led by Brother Curtis Almquist of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge MA. We invite everyone to come for spiritual growth and development, reflection, prayer, new learnings, renewal and exploration in preparation for the Lenten Season. You can sign up on our website at [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org/). The deadline for signing up is February 13, 2011.

**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**

The Seminary Chapel fire has necessitated Immanuel’s having only two services at Zabriskie for the foreseeable future. The Christmas Pageant will be in the Lettie Pate Auditorium.

Pumpkin Patch sales totaled $110,792, a record. After paying the Navahos for the pumpkins and paying the City of Alexandria for sales tax, $56,870 will be given to local ministries serving the neediest in Alexandria.

E-Cycling Day was a success, taking in a total of 16.6 tons of electronics, not including boxes of batteries, cell phones and 1.5 tons of paper that was shredded.

Immanuel is developing a Prison Ministry to people in Alexandria.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Reponen

Secretary