

March 31, 2022

INTERIOR DEANERY MEETING

Gathered at the West Mark Hotel in the evening of 3.31.22 (Thursday evening)
Yukon/Koyukuk Team did open prayer (Judy G and Lorraine P) at 7:00 pm
Did Introductions w/ Villages
Adjourned at or around 8:30 or 9:00 pm

April 1, 2002

Introductions••••

Nenana (Gary) - Tanana (Mary) - Fairbanks (Suzanne)

Opening Prayer - Yukon Flats (Debbie and Myra)

Meeting called to Order at 9:40 am

Roll Call **12** + 1

Letter from Bishop -- read by Suzanne

Deanery

Executive Committee Report - Bessie

Started go to the Villages

Covid started

Focus on each Community

Youth - Sunday School

Confirmation

Bible Study

No travel

Convention activities

St Anna/St Simeon - no more, huge shift

Convention - October 2022 - Sept 29 - Oct 1 & 2, 2022 in Anc

Elections

Resolutions

Ordination - 2 people

Make tighter connections

Bylaw changes

Review winter talk virtual.... no face to face & selection policy

Camp - Manley Hot Springs

Next Deanery Meeting - Nov 2021

Jan 2022 to Feb 2022

Plan this Meeting

Resolution 2021-01 (Boarding School)

Need to be together to feel the love and support so we can do what God is calling us to do

Need to deal with Community grief

Trauma does something and it doesn't just go away

Executive Committee Report
Myra Report
Debbie Report
Lorraine Report

Trauma - Resolution 2021 --- 0-1

Break

Called meeting back to order 11:02 am

Villages Reports

Allakaket----Anna Frank
Two years no work
Miss working with Lawrence
Interior Deanery -- Get Belle Michelson to help start Confirmation Classes
Villages will take over when she leaves
St Anna/ St Simeon -- keep on going
Elders needs to be recognized - ask to speak
Use our elders - Camp
 Values
 Humor
Focus on School of Ministry
Workshops on Healing
Face Book - Worse- Drama
Visit Elders
Clean church
Reading - feed the sheep
Hungry -- lonely
Sunday school - served
Church Committee
Village -- first to see how are they doing?
No church services- no more on the Road System
Workshop with all leaders in Villages
Retired at 72, still doing funerals in Fairbanks

Lawrence Williams - Allakaket
Need help in Bible School
No confirmations
No church Committee
A lot of funerals services, also burial church services 2 or 3

Mary Nathaniel - Chalkyitsik
No Sunday School
Funeral Services - fort Yukon
Bible Study - one at home
No Confirmation Classes
We really need this
Fort Yukon - Committee
Try to help young people in Ministry
Last two years have been hard

Susan Mitchell - Circle
Adult Bible Services
Confirmation Classes •••• working on this
Committee - Vestry - okay

Betty Glover
Both Delegates are here
Online services - continuously - before the pandemic
Drive through Communion
Mass on the grass, this summer
No Sunday schools
Made up packets for Kids/ households
Adult Bible Study - Susan
Prayer group on Zoom
Library - Study
People join to on-line services
Villages also join•••• web page•••• Internationally
Confirmation - gathering names - Facebook (4)
Food Truck
Baptism - in church - parish lawn
Church Committee - meet once a month

Allan
St Mathews faces challenges Elders - Keep people safe
Challenges with Building
Look for Positive
On -line services are high
Donations are generous
What do we want the church to look like?
No changes
Keep the same

Support Mother Betty
Need to grow
Look forward to Bishop Returning

Bernice
Covid
Church streaming
Old school
Look forward to lay readers

Edna and Flora Deacon
So many needs at our church - bad foundation
Build in the 1960s
Funerals at the Tribal Building
Arctic Leaders
Sunday school - just started
New Miniseries.....job club •-• few kids
Our Church needs repair - very bad
Did ask Village Council to work on Church Building
Only work on Covid Houses
No confirmation
No church
Only Pray by me for whole congregation also pray for our kids

Gary Shields -•• Nenana
St Mark's
Sunday school - okay
Covid here ••• none for 2 years
Adult Bible Study - none
Confirmation ••• 2 or 3 will be confirmed
Vestry - 3 or 4 years - Annual Meeting
Parish Hall looks better
Challenges

Bella
Do Funerals
Support to Staff
Anvik •• Vacation Bible School
Involved in Christ Church Readers
In service Church - Zoom
Adult Bible Study None •• Only a couple of people
Arctic Ministries - support

No other villages called for services
2 years on committee

Mary Starr - Tanana
Sunday School - none
Working with Jeanette
Bible School - none
Soup Kitchen
Greatly Appreciated for Missionaries --- Bible Study Camp

Judy Gau
Fit Grant - 3 years list of Kids - was given out on Christmas Eve
Helped as much as I can
Confirmation -- none

Huslia
No Sunday schools
Adult bible study - none
No confirmation
Do have a church committee

Arctic Village
No Sunday schools
Adult Bible study - none
Confirmation... Trimble talks about it
There will be a bunch
Church Committee - 7 members
Main Goal
Renovated the church - foundation
Get a grant to get supplies
Work together at Arctic
People are interested especially at Easter
Trying my best to keep the church going

Minto
No Sunday School
Finally, a little Sunday School - once a month
Confirmation classes --- all boys
Try to do better in our communities
Class on baptism - evenings
Meetings
Will not do all classes by myself, need volunteers and others

Committee -yes
No building usage
March storm-• roof caved in
Elder Men worked on church building
Everything matters - we do and we speak
2015 -- new workshop center-- Bishop blessings to building
Open
Morning/evening services
Committee oversees the building --water/furnace
Bible Study - continues
Sunday school....will do
Confirmation - stepped up

Minto - Irene Sherry
2009 - moved back
Worship Center - a lot of prayers
We need a new church
Old building, not stable
Classes, confirmation, ordained, and baptism
We can get things going
Committed to helping the church

What was discussed
Church Committee
Interested - Volunteers
Community involvement - need
Confirmation
Sunday School
Community Involvement
All alone
Healing Process
So many Losses
Church repairs
Population shrinking
Keep young people involved
Prayer warriors in the room
Soup Kitchen
HOPE
House Blessings ... peacestrength
Gifts for children- FIT Grant
Taking care of buildings
Maintenance on Church
Feeding people/ Food Truck
Workshops - Healing, grief, Trauma
Roots/Wings – Women’s Gathering
Offering - no services - challenges

Pray and anoint ground at place of trauma
Death in Family - church gives money - return to church
Discussions
Healing Stories (Grief)
Covid
Starting an Interior Facebook page

Anna - CELEBRATE
Approach school board
This year's graduation- honor them this time

Bessie
How the Church sponsor all the people who had passed
How do we celebrate life now that we are coming out of COVID

Debbie
Elders, can't get them, only on phone, walky talky

Gary
Online services - increased

Outdoor activities
 Wedding
 Bon Fire
 Picnics
 Dancing/Music
Normal activities - delayed
Travel also
Vacation also

HELP EACH OTHER

Acknowledge each other
Encourage each other - build faith
Potlatch/Party-· Remembrance on all who passes
Memorial - Remember the good things
Church approach Tribal Council to purchase a large cooler for coffins or people who passes.

HELP EACH OTHER

Traditional Burials/Practices
How they want to bury their loved ones
Traditional Stories
God Creations
 Train my brain
 Safe or not safe
 Think for ourselves
 Teach our brain on what we need
 Our kids are hungry for our Traditional Ways

DISCUSSIONS

Boarding School - Resolution 2021-01

How has the boarding school affected us, city, community, church, and congregation

How do we approach the Resolution?

Stories Shared – not recorded to protect privacy

4.2.2022

Opening Prayer - Yukon Flats

Recap on Apr 1 Meeting

Action Items

Confirmation/Baptism Classes

Sunday School

Lay Readers/Leadership (check in with Bishop)

Church Opening

Church Repairs

Safe Church Training

Healing Retreats

Soup Kitchen

4.2.2022

Winter Talk

5 minutes or more on Winter talk

Crossing Paths

Cultural Training

No leadership

Brads Office is in charge

Encourage to look at the mail

Stewardship Stories

Area of Finance

Can do better from Villages - donations

10% type - to the Lord

Limited income....mom

Went to a class - Kenai

Type/offering stewardship

Anna

Bessie's mom is first one 1:o build the new church

Encourage people who sew - donate slippers

Gary

Tithe - don't pay its like carrying a bomb in your pocket

Debbie

Gift from Margo - Bible

David Salmon told her she is special

No food - no wood

How can we get people to donate?

Bessie

Tithe means giving

Mother Betty

Spiritual Giving

Judy

I give by cleaning the church

Myra

Tithe is giving

My Husband is always giving

Easter items already ordered

Giving to God, you get the blessings back

Thank God what we have- blessings

Anna

Working at the Diocese- send monies to the Diocese put in the church

Living in the City, send to the church in the Villages

Tanana

Stoves dies on Saturday night, or Sunday

Someone donated Toyo Stove

Clergy Talk

Susan*- struggles with tithe -· Tithe is thanks

It is the law in scripture

Mary

Sharing is tithe

10% of monies, if no monies, give time, God is true to his word

God provides for all

St Timothy's - renovate our church, doors, windows, that was a blessing

Mother Betty

Spiritual Discipline

A woman touched my heart, she cleaned, funeral dinners, increased her tithe was

Two dollars a month, always gifted by God - Education

Anna

Tithe story

Bessie's morn - not by words, but by working - Total Trust in God

Suzanne

Giving is special

Bessie

Lord does not have your money, he has your heart

Tithe ••• Finance

Commission on Ministry

Allan's report

Disconcertment Committee

Work with individual- reflection process- get to know them - spiritual journey - ordination
ordained

Chairman Marilyn Duggar, not able to attend – Allan gave report

Pandemic••• online -•• ZOOM

Monthly Meetings - 8 am on Saturday

Individual moved on to the other steps

what are the steps to be ordained?

Deacon - Canons

Invite individuals to COM

People in process in interior :Judy G, getting started Jeanette Dementi-Edwards

getting started, Helen Stafford, Gary shields 2 years

Encourage you to keep this up

Native People have a hard time to get ordained

Suggested that mentors be Native Clergy

Requirements for Deacons

Individual Process

Look at the Website

There is a process

Resolution••• 2019

Debbie - Needs support toward ordained deacon

Eliza

Loves working at the church - always want to help the church

Mary S made a motion to make changes

Interior Deanery moves that

Standing Committee

Lay leaders' term is up.... Mabel Vent

Vestry for the Diocese

St Mathews endowment fund

Look at Website \$3000. - 4000.00

Retreat

Villages

Used RV

Small Groups

Sunday School

Beaver/Stevens Village

Bella Michelson

Programs

Deadline Jun 5, 2002

Resolution for Support of Training Ordained Ministry

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Be it further resolved that the Committee activity encourage Indigenous and community-based persons equally in the process towards ordination and progress in the process.

When ordained these persons should be directed or encourages to serve in under-served communities.

Bishop can request that them should be a special task force committee.

Susan motioned to amend to all Indigenous values

Judy seconded

Judy motioned to amend *

Bella seconded

- And be it further resolved that the Commission appointed in this matter shall report on the status of progress on the Resolution at the 48th Diocesan Convention.

Judy motion to Resolution Title *

Susan seconded

" Resolution in Support of Indigenous Values in Training towards Ordaining

Judy motioned to amend /take out

Susan seconded

This to all

Judy motioned 2022 -- 0-1 Resolution

Bella seconded

Final Resolutions, with amendments – passed unanimously

A Resolution in support of Indigenous values in training toward ordination

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Canon's Report: Convention - Sheridan -Anchorage 47th Sept 29 to October 1,
22 Positions Open
Nominations will be online
It will be ready by April
COM -Clergy - Marilyn Duggar - term out

Standing Committee - lay
Mabel Vent -- Term out

Disciplinary Board
Clergy··· Dawn Allen --Herron
Lay - William Slemmons

FIT committee
Lay - Maggie McKay

General Convention Deputies 2 lay 2 Clergy
Louisville, Kentucky - July 2024

Interior Pledge
Put toward Pledge
Parochial Report
Pledge giving as a % of income
There is always room for improvement

Deanery Funding discussed and Custodial Account (deanery funds) were reviewed

Bylaw changes presented as in packets, passed.

Executive Committee elections:
Yukon/Koyukuk Seat 2: Lorraine Pavlik, Good Shepherd, Huslia
Tanana Valley Seat 1: Bernice Aragon, St. Matthew's Fairbanks
Yukon Flats Seat 2: Myra Thumma, Good Shepherd, Venetie

Dio Positions Deanery Nominations – forwarded to Convention for election
Commission on Ministry, Clergy Seat: Susan Mitchell
Standing Committee, Lay Seat: Eliza Winfrey

General Convention Deputies Clergy: Betty Glover & Marilyn Duggar; Lay Irene Sherry & Allan Hayton

St. Simeon/St. Anna – honoring our Elders

Continue it – Let it be and do it our way in the future

Motion to continue St. Simeon & St. Anna. Passed 11 to 5

Motion to refer to Executive Committee to work out details. Passed

Executive Committee to decide place & date of 2023 Deanery Meeting

Thankful for Bessie's leadership.

Meeting adjourned