



June 25, 2016 Meeting by Conference Call
APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Andy Anyanonu, Rae Lee Baxter, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Don Dersnah, Claudia Hamlin, Clare Hickman, Brian Johnson, Deon Johnson, Traci Johnson, Karen Lewis, Rob Matras, Joyce Matthews, Joyce Munro, Juan Perez, Linda Shafer, Rob Sherry, Geoffrey Smereck, Bill Stech, Felicity Thompson, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

Council Members Absent: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs (excused), Victoria Behnke (excused), Steve Chisholm (excused), Christopher Moran (excused), Jenny Ritter (excused)

Diocesan Staff: Rick Schulte (Director of Diocesan Communications), Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator)

10:00 – Prayer led by Don Dersnah

Roll Call – Quorum with 19 voting members present

Acceptance of Agenda – As written

Program Staff Reports

Canon Jo Ann Hardy, Diocesan Administrator, presented a written report. She discussed the division of responsibilities among the three staff members who work directly in the Bishop's Office, shared a staff contact list, and reviewed a list of upcoming diocesan events. Her report follows these minutes, as the consensus was that congregations would find this information very useful.

Rick Schulte, Director of Diocesan Communications, also presented a written report. He encourages congregations to contact him regarding significant upcoming events that may be media-worthy. He also stated that he is available to help congregations with their websites, at no charge.

Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2016

Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as written, with one spelling correction. Motion passed.

Bishop's Update

1. Reconfiguration of Deaneries – After conversations and exchanges of ideas with the existing Deans regarding a reconfiguration of Deaneries, Bishop Gibbs is requesting approval of a realignment of the current deanery structure to allow for more geographical gatherings of congregations that match today's reality. A canonical amendment will be offered at Diocesan Convention in the fall, asking that the reference to the number of Deaneries be changed to read "not more than 10."

A motion was made (Geoffrey Smereck) and properly seconded (Rae Lee Baxter) to approve this proposal and the planned amendment. Motion passed.

2. Policy Against Firearms – The Diocese of Western Michigan changed the wording of the resolution passed at the May Diocesan Council meeting, such that language from the rationale is a formal part of the resolution. The other two Dioceses in the state are in the process of adopting the Western Michigan version.

A motion was made (Lynda Carter) and properly seconded (Rob Sherry) to adopt the Western Michigan version of the Resolution: Prohibiting Firearms in Churches, Organizations. Motion passed.

A discussion followed regarding the image included on the poster announcing the policy. The preference is for something other than a gun. (St. Paul's, Brighton, has a dove on their poster.)

Property Report

Canon Hardy presented a written report.

Updates:

1. Property of St. Anne's, Walled Lake: Negotiations continue regarding a sale.
2. Property of St. Timothy's, Detroit: An offer was received, but the potential buyer did not obtain financing. Marketing effort continues.
3. Property of St. Matthew's, Flat Rock: One interested buyer was identified, but no offer was made. Continue to market.

Action items:

1. Property of St. Martin's, Detroit: A reduction in land contract payment to \$1800 per month was proposed. *A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*
2. Property of St. Mark's, Detroit: A three-year extension of the land contract was proposed. *A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

Finance Report

Mark Miliotto presented current financial reports for review and acceptance.

A motion was made and properly seconded to receive the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion passed.

Updates/Committee Reports

Primary Committees

Mission Budget

The Committee moves that the 120 Day Proposed Budget for 2017 and a three-year continuation of the current formula for funding be approved by Diocesan Council. *Motion passed.*

Tithes & Offerings

Rob Matras presented a written report.

Loans and Grants – no report

Vital Congregations

Deon Johnson reported that the Committee is working on setting a date to meet with St. Katharine's, Williamston.

Resolution Review

Judith Schellhammer sent a written report.

HR Policy – no report

Audit

Mark Miliotto reviewed the written reports from the auditors. A motion to receive the reports was made and properly seconded. *Motion passed.*

By-laws/Constitution & Canons – no report

Advisory:

Property Advisory – no report

Emrich Advisory Council – no report

Other:*Campus Ministry Liaisons*

Claudia Hamlin presented a written report from One Community MSU.

No report from Canterbury House.

Closing Prayer**12:03 pm Adjournment**

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, September 10, 2016 10:00am – 2:00pm	Full Business Meeting/Budget	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI