



The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

September 10, 2016 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Andy Anyanonu, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Steven Chisholm, Don Dersnah, Claudia Hamlin, Clare Hickman, Traci Johnson, Karen Lewis, Rob Matras, Joyce Matthews, Joyce Munro, Juan Perez, Jenny Ritter, Rob Sherry, Geoffrey Smereck, Bill Stech, Felicity Thompson

Council Members Absent: Rae Lee Baxter (excused), Victoria Behnke (unexcused), Brian Johnson (unexcused), Deon Johnson (excused), Linda Shafer (excused), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary, excused)

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

10:00 – Bishop Gibbs led the group in prayer.

Roll call – Quorum established.

Agenda accepted as written

Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2016

Minutes stand approved as written.

Executive Committee Action

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Loans and Grants Committee that a grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to Spirit of Hope Detroit for their renovation project. They also approved the Loans and Grants Committee's recommendation that a loan in the amount of \$90,000 be awarded with the following terms:

1. Interest rate of 3.125%
2. 5-year term for loan
3. Amortization schedule of 20 years to allow for lower monthly payments
4. Balloon payment at the end of 5 years can be paid in full, or renegotiated with council to extend the term of the loan

Mark Miliotto, Director of Finance, will determine which fund of council will hold the loan, based on currently available assets. Council may also want to stipulate that the lease agreement for the Head Start be reviewed by Standing Committee, and that it be sent to the diocesan property attorney for review prior to execution.

A motion was made and properly seconded to affirm this Executive Committee action, including the stipulation that the lease agreement for the Head Start be reviewed by Standing Committee, and that it be sent to the diocesan attorney for review prior to execution. Motion passed.

Bishop's Update

- Opportunity Resource Fund Dinner – Friday, October 14, 6 pm. The Bishop is purchasing a table. Let Jo Ann or Beth know by October 1 if planning to attend
- 2016 – 17 Meeting Dates
- House of Bishop's Meeting – Detroit 9/14 – 9/21

Property Updates/Issues/Action Items

Will be addressed at the next meeting

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.*

Mission Budget Committee

A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the Final Proposed Budget for 2017 and forward it to Diocesan Convention in October. *Motion passed.*

A motion for Preliminary Approval of the 2018 Budget Draft, to be forwarded to Diocesan Convention, was made and properly seconded. *Motion passed.*

Tithes & Offerings

Rob Matras presented a written report.

Loans & Grants

Don Dersnah presented a written report.

1. St. Michael's, Lansing is requesting a \$7,500 grant for replacement of a boiler. The committee recommends approval of this grant. *Motion passed.*
2. Trinity, St. Clair Shores is requesting a \$10,000 grant for a roof repair. Trinity has also submitted a request for a grant from the Trustees for \$13,000 to pay for the balance of the project. The committee recommends approval of this grant. *Motion to approve grant of \$9,000 passed.*
3. Church of the Resurrection, Ecorse is requesting a \$10,000 grant for a parking lot. Resurrection has also submitted a request for a grant from the Trustees for \$13,000 to pay for the balance of the project. The committee recommends approval of this grant. *Motion to approve grant of \$9,000 passed.*
4. St. Peter's, Detroit is requesting a \$4,726 grant for roof repair. St. Peter's has also submitted a request for a grant from the Trustees for \$10,000 to pay for the balance of the project. The bids submitted by St. Peter's are not for the same scope of work, so the committee recommends not taking action on this request until there are a minimum of two, and preferably three, bids for the same scope of work. Executive Committee will consider at that time.
5. St. David's, Southfield is requesting a loan of \$400,000 for a major renovation project. Will be discussed at a later date.

Vital Congregations

Clare Hickman presented a written report.

Resolution Review

Judith Schellhammer presented a written report.

Campus Ministry

Claudia Hamlin presented a written report for One Community MSU.

Bishop Gibbs thanked our retiring Diocesan Council members for their service:

12:12 pm Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, December 3, 2016 9:00am –3:00pm	Business Meeting which includes Orientation, Elections, and Committee Assignments	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI