



The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

March 7, 2015 Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, MI
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lizzie Anderson, Rae Lee Baxter, Lynda Carter, Steven Chisholm, Claudia Hamlin, Clare Hickman, Traci Johnson, Patty Klaver, Joyce Matthews, Richard Pina, Juan Perez, Judith Schellhammer, Rob Sherry, Geoffrey Smereck, Rick Smith, Bill Stech, Roger Weekes

Council Members Absent: Don Dersnah (excused), Deon Johnson (excused), Karen Lewis (excused), Rob Matras, (excused), Linda Shafer (excused), Patrice Thornton (excused)

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

9:00 – Morning Worship led by Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call

Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2015

Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Communications to Council – none

Executive Committee Actions – none

Bishop's Update

- Visitations: St. Peter's, Detroit; St. Patrick's, Madison Heights; St. John's, Detroit; St. Cyprian's, Detroit
- Celebrated Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of New Rector for the Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray at St. John's, Plymouth
- Michigan deputation for General Convention has started to meet
- Travels: Annual meeting of Living Stones; to the Dominican Republic for the Convention of our Companion Diocese
- Held the annual Quiet Day for Deacons on the first Saturday of Lent at St. John's, Howell
- Transitions: The Rev. Rob Kerr resigned from St. John's, Westland to pursue full-time work as a therapist
- Vestry Retreats held at St. Paul's, Lansing and St. John's, Royal Oak were well received; dates for next year's retreats will be announced soon
- Diocesan Confirmation scheduled for May 9, 2015, at 11:00 am at St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
- Re-imagining the Household of God/Ministry Fair scheduled for May 2, 2015
- Closings:
 - St. Christopher/St. Paul, Detroit, sent a letter announcing their closing in early February; no hint of this given during the Bishop's visit on Advent 4; Bishop has written to all members of record offering support in their transition
 - St. Martin's, Detroit has begun their process of closing; a celebration of their ministry is planned for May 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm
- G. Smereck asked for prayer for those who led the Alabama civil rights march, on the 50th anniversary of the event

Property Report

Canon Hardy discussed updates presented on the written Property Report:

1. *Property of St. Peter's Home for Boys, Detroit:* Will continue option to buy with Presbyterian Villages of Michigan through March 20, 2015. If they do not want to purchase it for \$1, it will revert to EDOMI.

2. *Property of St. Columba's, Detroit:* Entered into agreement for buyer to voluntarily surrender property as of February 4, 2015. Quit claim deed has been executed to return property to EDOMI. Work being done to clean and restore property to be marketed for sale. Caretaker is in place, and property is insured.

3. *Property of St. Timothy's, Detroit:* Buyer paid \$6800 delinquency on March 2, 2015. Payments are now current through February of 2015.

4. *Property of St. Christopher/St. Paul, Detroit:* Property was vacated by congregation on January 31, 2015. Clean up of facility has started and assessments of immediate repair needs done. Archivists have moved out historical records. Caretaker is now in place and property is insured.

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.

Opportunity Resource Loan Fund Renewal

Mark Miliotto reported that the Opportunity Resource Fund has requested that we renew a \$200,000 loan at 3% interest (97-7-45-R15) to March 31, 2020. *A motion was made and properly seconded to accept this request and renew the loan for these terms. Motion passed.*

Break (10:20 – 10:30 am)

Updates/Committee Reports

Primary Committees

Mission Budget

Rob Sherry reported the dates and locations for budget hearings in May:

- May 2, 2015 during the lunch session of Re-Imagining the Household of God/Ministry Fair
- May 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's, Brighton (with GoToMeeting virtual participation available)

Mark Miliotto and Canon Jim Gettel will attend the April 11th Diocesan Council meeting to share their work related to the mission of the Diocese and answer questions.

Tithes & Offerings

A written report was presented by Bishop Gibbs in Rob Matras' absence.

Loans and Grants

Canon Hardy presented the report in Don Dersnah's absence.

1. The Committee recommended the ½ (\$7421) of the funds allocated in support of the Millennium Development Goals for 2015 be added to the funds available for the 2015 Social Justice Ministries Grant program. *Motion passed.*

2. The Committee recommended that a grant in the amount of \$2595 be awarded to St. Peter's, Detroit, for the emergency repair to their boiler system. *Motion passed.*

3. The Committee reviewed information provided by Covenant Five, and recommended that the Social Advocacy/Covenant Five grants be allocated as listed below. *Motion passed.*

Disability Awareness (Alliance to Abolish Bullying) – 2500

Economic Justice Commission – 1200

Incarnation Criminal Justice Advocacy – 2000

St. Katherine's – Forster Woods Adult Day Care – 2250

St. Peter's – Manna Works – 750

St. Stephen's Grace in Action – Action Cleaning – 2000

TBLG Concerns – 2000

Word & World – 3750

Crossroads – 800

Covenant Five Administration – 745

Covenant Five Contingency – 500

Vital Congregations

Clare Hickman reviewed a written report. EDOMI has agreed to participate in a pilot of the Episcopal Church Foundation’s Vital Teams Initiative.

Resolution Review

Judith Schellhammer reviewed a written report. She encouraged us to read online resources related to the work of the upcoming General Convention.

Secondary Committees

HR Policy Review

Traci Johnson reviewed a written report. After a review of the Diocesan Sabbatical Policy, including study of policies around the Episcopal Church and consultation with Canon Gettel, the Committee is not able to recommend a change in policy at this time.

Audit

Mark Miliotto reported that the 2014 data has been handed over to the auditors. Field work in EDOMI offices should take place during the fourth week of March. A mid-May audit report is anticipated.

By-laws/Constitution & Canons

Geoffrey Smereck gave a verbal report. He is reviewing for non-conformities between our by-laws and those of The Episcopal Church.

Advisory Committees

Property Advisory – reported above

Emrich Advisory Council

Lizzie Anderson reported that the last meeting was cancelled because of weather.

Other

Campus Ministries

MSU – Claudia Hamlin reported receiving no response to her emails.
 U of M – Linda Shafer provided a written report.

Executive Session – not needed

11:25 am Adjournment

Lunch

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, April 11, 2015 10:00am –2:00pm	Full Business Meeting (includes meet the staff: Miliotto, Gettel)	St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI