



## The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

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April 11, 2015 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI  
Full Business Meeting – Approved Minutes

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**Council Members Present:** Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lizzie Anderson, Rae Lee Baxter, Lynda Carter, Steven Chisholm, Don Dersnah, Claudia Hamlin, Clare Hickman, Deon Johnson, Traci Johnson, Karen Lewis, Rob Matras, Joyce Matthews, Richard Pina, Juan Perez, Judith Schellhammer, Linda Shafer, Rob Sherry, Geoffrey Smereck, Rick Smith, Bill Stech

**Council Members Absent:** Patty Klaver (excused), Patrice Thornton (excused), Roger Weekes (excused)

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

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**10:00 – Morning Prayer** led by Bishop Gibbs

### Roll Call

**Agenda accepted as amended** (deleted Executive Session)

### Program Staff Visits

Jim Gettel, Canon for Congregational Life, and Mark Miliotto, Director of Finance, gave short presentations regarding their work. Canon Gettel has three areas of focus: clergy transitions, congregational development, and building Christian community. Mark Miliotto described the entities served by and the various functions of the Finance Department. He also described ways the department can support congregations. A question and answer period followed. Everyone on the Diocesan staff is involved in congregational development, and there is a greater emphasis on collaboration within the staff.

### Approval of Minutes from March 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. Michael's, Grosse Pointe Woods
- Presided for Holy Week services: St. Luke's, Shelby Township (Palm Sunday), St. John's, Westland (Maundy Thursday), Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Great Vigil of Easter, Easter Day)
- Travels: House of Bishops; Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
- Chrism Mass held on the Tuesday of Holy Week; many clergy brought staff
- Inaugural benefit dinner for Forster Woods Adult Day Center April 11
- Dates to add to calendar: May 2, Re-imagining the Household of God at Cathedral Church of St. Paul; May 6, celebration of Spirit of Grace federation; May 7, celebration of the ministry of St. Martin's, Detroit; Saturday, May 9, Diocesan Confirmation at St. Mary Magdalen in Brighton in the main church (seats 1600)—one service for the Diocesan community; May 23, memorial service for the Rev. Robert Shank, former rector of St. John's, Plymouth, at St. John's
- Reminder that every individual who is required to take the Safeguarding trainings must do so; call the Diocese with questions

### Loans and Grants Committee

Don Dersnah reviewed a written report.

Regarding the Social Justice Grants, 18 applications were received, requesting a total of \$87,400. Funds available total \$58,214, including \$50,793 as the Social Services line item in the budget and \$7421 as half of the

Millennium Development Goals line item made available by vote of Council. The Committee recommended allocation and distribution according as follows:

Bound Together Pontiac (Low income, at risk elementary school students)	12,000 Oakland
Crossroads of Michigan (Crossroads' food pantry ministry)	5,264 Detroit
Grace Mt. Clements Community Supper (Community supper)	2,250 Emrich
Mariner's Inn, Detroit (meals)	10,000 Detroit
Messiah Detroit (Aim High Youth Ministry)	500 Detroit
OASIS/LGBT Program (program expenses and 3 hrs/wk salary)	4,000 Huron
St. Andrew's Ann Arbor Breakfast (breakfast 365 days/yr for over 30 years)	6,800 Huron
St. Katherine's Williamston Forster Woods (adult day center)	5,400 Capital
St. Michael's, Lincoln Park (Tuesday Club after school program)	1,000 Downriver
St. Paul's Lansing (Needs Closet: bedding, towels, diapers, etc.)	1,000 Capital
St. Peter's Hillsdale Free Clinic, Hillsdale (free clinic, free medicine)	1,500 Lyster
All Saints, Brooklyn (Community Dinner)	1,500 Lyster
All Saints, East Lansing Teen After School Center (Teen After School Program)	2,500 Capital
St. Andrews, Livonia (food and hygiene products pantry)	1,000 Trinity
St. Clements, Inkster (Track and Field Camp)	1,500 Trinity
St. Luke's, Shelby Township (personal care items pantry)	1,000 Emrich
St. John's, Royal Oak (Stephen Ministry training)	1,000 Oakland

*A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Loans and Grants Committee for these allocations and distributions. Motion passed.*

The Committee also recommended a grant to Grace Church, Detroit, in the amount of \$6,175, for roofing and flooring repairs not covered by insurance. *A motion was made to accept this recommendation. Motion passed.*

### **Property Report**

Canon Hardy discussed updates presented on the written Property Report:

1. Property of St. Peter's Home for Boys, Detroit: Extension of option to buy with Presbyterian Villages of Michigan for 45 days. Language to include that property will be used for benefit of PVM only.
2. Property of St. Christopher/St. Paul, Detroit: Boiler repairs made to restore heat. Work scheduled for roof repair in rector's office.
3. 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. Two purchase agreements received. Work is proceeding on details regarding repair to plumbing and heating systems.

### **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.*

### **Lunch Break (12:15 – 12:50 pm)**

### **Updates/Committee Reports**

#### Primary Committees

##### *Mission Budget*

Rob Sherry reminded the group that Budget Hearings are scheduled for May 2 and May 12.

##### *Tithes & Offerings*

Rob Matras reviewed a written report.

##### *Vital Congregations*

No report. There are plans for another Requiem or Renaissance Workshop.

*Resolution Review*

Judith Schellhammer reviewed a written report.

Secondary Committees

*HR Policy Review* – no report

*Audit* – no report

*By-laws/Constitution & Canons*

Geoffrey Smereck reviewed changes to the Constitution and Canons recommended by an outside editor. He will review with the Chancellor to ensure that suggested changes can be made.

Advisory Committees

*Property Advisory* – no report

*Emrich Advisory Council*

Canon Hardy presented a written report. The Diocesan Family Picnic will be held on July 25.

Other*Campus Ministry*

MSU – Claudia Hamlin will be attending a Board meeting.

U of M – Linda Shafer stated that a Board meeting is scheduled for April 22.

**1:35 Adjournment**


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Next Meeting:

<b>Meeting Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Agenda/Focus</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday, May 30, 2015 10:00am –2:00pm	Full Business Meeting (includes meet the staff: Meech, Schulte, Williams)	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI