

**The Diocesan Council
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**



**APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council
December 17, 2011**

Full Business Mtg. w/Mission Budget Activity

St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Cindy Corner, Bob Swint, Rae Lee Baxter, Don Wiggins, Andy Anyanonu, Ross Vandercook, Susan Bock, Traci Johnson, Rob Sherry, Liam Connor, Deon Johnson, Rob Matras, Geoffrey Smereck, Jenny Ritter, Chuck Tomlinson, Jackie Spann, Shannon MacVean Brown, Richard Bagdasarian, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lisa Gray (CTTO, Secretary)

Absent: Gary Hall (excused), Alice Morse (excused), Judith Schellhammer (excused), Lizzie Anderson (excused) Beckie Corner (excused), Ron Byrd (unexcused)

Diocesan Staff: Rick Schulte (Record Editor), Jo Ann Hardy (Diocesan Administrator)

Other attendees: Andrea Morrow (Chair Mission Budget Committee)

8:30 am **Continental breakfast available**

9:00 **-Role Call and Morning Prayer** lead by Bishop Gibbs
-Agenda accepted as presented with the request that the Mission Budget Committee report be offered before lunch.

-11/19/11 Council minutes approved with minor corrections

-Communications to Council- none

-Executive Committee Actions- none

-Bishop's Update

Bishop shared travel plans to accompany ERD to Ghana Africa for a study week in February 2012.

-Clergy Housing resolutions (Gibbs, Gray & Robin Smith)

The Rev. Robin Smith is completing 3 months of a contract supported by the diocese as she concludes her tenure of a yoked position. (Jan-March 2012)

Housing resolutions were distributed and approved as presented. Motion passed.

-Property Update Report

Jo Ann Hardy

Motion was made and properly seconded to approve the request of the Mercy and Truth Ministries, currently under land contract at the former St. Columba's church (Detroit), to renegotiate their monthly payment from \$2,000 to \$800. Motion passed.

Motion was made and properly seconded to approve the request of Bethel Missionary Church, currently under land contract at the former St. George (Warren), to renegotiate their monthly interest payment to 4% beginning January 2012 and that the land contract be extended to 2015. Motion passed.

10:15 **Financial Update & Orientation**

Mark Miliotto

Diocesan Treasurer Mark Miliotto provided an overview of diocesan finances.

Following the financial orientation and discussion Miliotto reviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Report.

(While shortages are evident now, payments of dividends will rectify shortfall and end the fiscal year with a small overage.)

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

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **Mission Budget Committee activity** **Andrea Morrow, Chair**

Bishop introduced former DC member, Andrea Morrow, now chairing the Mission Budget Committee for a second year as a non-DC member.

The Mission Budget Report of 12/8/11 was reviewed.

-MB Committee will create a new narrative budget pamphlet and video for next year's Diocesan Convention, 2012.

-Morrow explained the budget planning activity that members will be doing today in small groups. Members were divided into small groups for the budget activity.

11:00-11:30- 4 small group discussion

11:30-12:00- small groups read out results of discussions and submitted notes to Morrow.

Emrich Report was presented by Andrea Morrow, Chair of Emrich Advisory Council

-Emrich budget was received and appreciation for the group's work expressed.

12:00 **Noonday Prayers & Lunch**

12:45 **Updates/Committee Work & Reports**

Reports:

RSVP-no report

Primary Committee Reports:

Congregational Vitality and Sustainability Deon Johnson

- Report presented

- A request was made that next month, Diocesan Council might review a list of congregations that are either not in good standing or are in need of assessment for sustainability.

Resolution Review

-Report presented no conversation (same report will be discussed next month)

Tithes & Offerings Committee Don Wiggins

-Spirit of Hope was contacted regarding its delinquency of apportionment payment. Pastor Matthew Bode assured that the balance will be paid in full by the end of this year.

Loans & Grants Susan Bock

A committee motion was made (no second required) to approve \$8,900 as an Emergency Grant requested for St. Clement's Inkster for boiler emergency work. Motion passed.

Secondary Committee Reports:

By-laws/Constitution & Canons Committee (no report) Pete Ross

Personnel Policy Review Committee (no report) Beckie Corner

Audit (no report) Maria Franklin

A motion was made and properly seconded to renew a \$184,000 loan at 3% for 5 years with the Opportunity Resource Fund. Motion passed.

2:00 **Adjournment**

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, January 21, 2012	Full Business Meeting	St. John's, Plymouth