

**The Diocesan Council  
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**



**APPROVED** Minutes of Diocesan Council

**February 18, 2012**

Full Business Mtg. St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit

**Council Members Present:** Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Cindy Corner, Bob Swint, Rob Sherry, Liam Connor, Andy Anyanonu, Rob Matras, Rae Lee Baxter, Ron Byrd, Shannon MacVean Brown, Judith Schellhammer, Chuck Tomlinson, Susan Bock, Geoffrey Smereck, Don Wiggins, Traci Johnson, Alice Morse, Gary Hall, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lisa Gray (CTTO, Secretary)

**Absent:** Richard Bagdasarian (excused), Deon Johnson (excused), Jenny Ritter (excused), Ross Vandercook (excused), Lizzie Anderson (excused), Beckie Corner (excused), Jackie Spann (excused)

**Diocesan Staff:** no diocesan staff (other than Bishop Gibbs and Canon Gray) Jo Ann Hardy (excused), Rick Schulte (excused)

8:30 am      **Refreshments available**

9:00          **Role Call-** taken

**Morning Prayer and welcome**

Bishop Gibbs

**Acceptance of Agenda-** agenda approved as presented

**Approval of Minutes from 1/21/12**

*Motion made and properly seconded to accept the draft minutes with one grammatical correction. Motion passed.*

**Communications to Council**

St John's Clinton has communicated to Bishop Gibbs and Diocesan Council that they have realigned their budget to commit to their full asking.

**Executive Committee Actions-**none

**Bishop's Update**

- Bishop is leaving for Ghana tomorrow for an Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) study trip (Sunday, February 19-26)
- Bishop's father is in the hospital with a broken femur and is currently recovering.

**Property updates/issues**

Jo Ann Hardy (absent)

Bishop presented the report highlighting elements of the report.

**Financial reports & update**

Mark Miliotto

- Miliotto presented budget reports and summarized that while the 2011 books are still open he predicts at close we will have a 0 balance with expenses matching revenue.
- Currently we are reporting a \$25,000 shortage of pledges for this year

*Motion was made and properly seconded to receive the financial reports and file for audit. Motion passed.*

Bishop shared Director of Finance; Maria Franklin, is retiring on May 31, 2012 after 11 years of service.

**10:05 Updates/Committee Reports:**Primary Committee Reports:**Resolution Review**

Judith Schellhammer

Schellhammer reviewed report presented with highlights:

- GC Convention Resolution- CO83 Support for Day Laborers was discussed. The resolution will be forwarded to Jim Toy of the Diocesan Covenant V Group with a request to report back at the September DC mtg.
- Additional GC Resolutions requiring attention were discussed and all were encouraged to review the outstanding resolution review document.

**10:30-10:55 Break****11:00 Mission & Budget Committee**

Report submitted; no action items- Budget Conversation dates set and locations determined; members of Diocesan Council are encouraged to attend.

**Tithes & Offerings Committee**

Don Wiggins

Report presented and further clarification provided including an update on the pledge amount from St. Paul's Romeo.

**Loans & Grants-** no report

Susan Bock

Secondary Committee Reports:**By-laws/Constitution & Canons Committee-** no report**Personnel Policy Review Committee-** no report

Beckie Corner

**Audit** – no report (currently in process)

Bishop explained the canonical requirement to get parochial reports in by the March 1<sup>st</sup> due date. He explained the necessity and the consequences for not complying which this year will include receiving letters from the Bishop.

Reports:**Emrich Advisory Council-** report reviewed by Bishop and highlighted topics included:

bookings for upcoming year doing well; encouragement for congregations to have a “volunteer day at Emrich” to get involved and support the ministry.

**RSVP**

Deon Johnson (absent)

Shannon MacVean Brown & Cindy Corner reported that the Guiding Coalition will have a report for Diocesan Council shortly.

**Congregational Vitality and Sustainability**

Deon Johnson (absent)

Report reviewed as presented.

**Special Report:** St. Paul's Brighton

Deon Johnson (absent)

In Deon Johnson's (Rector of St. Paul's Brighton) absence, Bishop Gibbs provided a high-level overview of a redevelopment project begun at St. Paul's Brighton. The city council of Brighton in their efforts to keep St. Paul's a downtown church has already completed initial steps and approval to accommodate a potential building expansion project. A full presentation will be provided at the March 2012 meeting.

**11:40 Lunch, Noonday Prayers & Adjournment**

## Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, March 24, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm	Full Business Meeting	St. John's Plymouth