

**The Diocesan Council
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan**



Minutes of Diocesan Council
January 21, 2012

2013 Budget Process beginning with Discussion with Diocesan Staff

Full Business Mtg. w/Mission Budget Activity

St. John's, Plymouth

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Cindy Corner, Bob Swint, Rae Lee Baxter, Andy Anyanonu, Ross Vandercook, Traci Johnson, Rob Sherry, Liam Connor, Deon Johnson, Rob Matras, Jenny Ritter, Chuck Tomlinson, Lizzie Anderson, Beckie Corner, Gary Hall, Alice Morse, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lisa Gray (CTTO, Secretary)

Absent: Ron Byrd (unexcused), Richard Bagdasarian (unexcused), Don Wiggins (unexcused),
Excused: Jackie Spann, Shannon MacVean Brown, Susan Bock, Geoffrey Smereck, Judith Schellhammer

Diocesan Staff: Rick Schulte (Record Editor), Canon Jo Ann Hardy (Diocesan Administrator), Karen Robinson (Whitaker Institute)

8:30am **Refreshments Available**

9:00 **Morning Prayer**

Role Call

Acceptance of Agenda

Acceptance of Minutes

Bishop's Update

- Bishop thanked Jo Ann for 25 years service to the diocese and has recognized that service bestowing the title Canon to her position.
- Eric Travis is currently in Haiti on a diocesan site visit trip preparing for the 2013 Youth Mission Trip.
- Bishop shared that ERD has invited him to travel with them to Ghana in February for a study-trip.

Communications to Council- none

Executive Committee Actions- none

Property Update/Issues

Canon Hardy

- Canon Hardy updated the Council regarding the Gordonwood property. Neighbors are trespassing. Dick Boulter, Property assistant will be making site visit.
- Advent West Bloomfield is still on the market and there has been inquiry into the sale of the rectory.
- St. Andrews Clawson has been sold for \$290k.

Financial Reports & Update

Miliotto apologized for not having a summary report this meeting.

Miliotto reviewed highlights of end of year reports that are still not complete but close and are showing numbers toward the good.

Currently, \$64k short in projected Tithes and Offerings.

Motion made to receive the Treasurer's report and file for audit was mad, seconded and approved.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15 **Mission Conversation**

Bishop introduced the evolution of including the staff in the Diocesan budgeting process.

Staff presentations by: □

Jo Ann Hardy, Canon Administrator □

Eric Travis, Youth and Young Adult Missioner – via recorded media

Karen Robinson, Director of Whitaker Institute

Rick Schulte, Communications □

Lisa Gray, Canon to the Ordinary

Each of the above staff made a presentation sharing their ministry and focus in their respective areas of responsibility.

Group Conversation/Questions and Answers:

Q: What work is being done with on-line learning and webinars?

A: We are working on it.

Q: How many students are registered in Whitaker Institute?

A: Depends on who you are considering a student- safeguarding training participant, Household event attendee, Diaconate program student.

A general conversation regarding technology and communication concluding our mission budget conversation.

12:00 **Lunch**

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

Reports:

RSVP-no report

Emrich Advisory Council- no verbal report in addition to written report other than bookings continue to come in.

Primary Committee Reports:

Congregational Vitality and Sustainability – no report (request for Executive Session)

Resolution Review □ - Gary Hall presented reports in Judith Schellhammer's absence.

-Bishop clarified that Diocesan Convention resolutions need to be communicated to the congregations by the Diocesan Convention Secretary not Diocesan Council.

Mission & Budget Committee - □ Andy Anyanonu presented written report and thanked staff for their presentations earlier in the day.

Tithes & Offerings Committee - Ross Vandercook presented written report and highlighted that the committee continues to try to contact each church not paying their full asking.

Loans & Grants □ - no report.

Secondary Committee Reports:

By-laws/Constitution & Canons Committee – no report.

Personnel Policy Review – no report.

Committee □ **Audit** – no report.

Executive Session- held with no resulting action items.

2:15 **Closing Prayers and Adjournment**

Next Meeting time and date

Saturday, February 18, 2012

9:00-3:00

St Paul Cathedral Detroit