



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council
Saturday, June 23, 2012 All Saints', East Lansing, MI
Full Business Meeting

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Cindy Corner, Rob Sherry, Rob Matras, Rae Lee Baxter, Ron Byrd, Chuck Tomlinson, Geoffrey Smereck, Don Wiggins, Ross Vandercook, Beckie Corner, Deon Johnson, Gary Hall, Jenny Ritter, Ron Byrd, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lisa Gray (CTTO, Secretary)

Absent: Susan Bock, Shannon MacVean Brown, Jackie Spann, Alice Morse, Traci Johnson, Liam O'Connor, Andy Anyanonu, Lizzie Anderson, Judith Schellhammer

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

Visitors (RSVP Coalition members): Pete Ross, Sue Vandercook, Thalia Johnson, George Swan, Jim Hamilton, Chris Yaw

8:30 am **Refreshments available**

9:15 **Morning Prayer**

Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call

Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2012

5/12/12 Minutes approved with minor corrections.

Communications to Council (none)

Executive Committee Actions (none)

Bishop's Update

Bishop Gibbs provided the following updates:

- The Rev. Eugene Montague, retired and living in N. Carolina, has died.
- The remaining updates saved to be provided in closed executive session
- Reminder to hold Caucus meetings prior to Diocesan Convention.

Council Meeting Dates: 2012-13

Bishop Gibbs

Meeting dates for next year were reviewed. Bishop reminded Council members that he does not need their approval of dates, but just to inform. Additionally, while the locations are subject to change the dates are not and there is an expectation of membership that meetings will be a high priority and absences disrupt the work of the Council and the diocese that has entrusted them with representation.

Property updates/issues

Jo Ann Hardy

Canon Hardy reviewed her report with highlights including Tecumseh property update

10:00 **Guiding Coalition Presentation**

Deon Johnson & Pete Ross

Representatives of the RSVP Coalition made a 45-minute presentation outlining the current status of the project and previewed what will be shared at this October's Diocesan Convention.

10:45 **BREAK**

11:00 **Mission & Budget Committee**

Andrea Morrow

Acceptance of Preliminary Budget for 2013: Miliotto presented the current proposed draft budget for 2013 highlighting some of the adjustments made in the forecasting of both revenue and expenses.

Review of Resolutions having financial impact: Three resolutions with potential financial impact were received and reviewed; none of the resolutions provided financial impact to the 2013 budget.

Resolution 1a) Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the Mission Budget Committee's recommendation to not support this resolution. Motion passed.

Resolution 1b) Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the Mission Budget Committee's recommendation to not provide a recommendation of action either way on this resolution. Motion passed.

Resolution 1c) Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the Mission Budget Committee's recommendation to not support this resolution. Motion passed.

Emrich Advisory Council Report:

May financial performance was positive; a reminder about the July Diocesan picnic and a volunteer to serve on the Advisory Council was requested- Jenny Ritter agreeing to serve.

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

12:45 **Brighton Resolution**

Bishop Gibbs

Diocesan Council members Deon Johnson (Rector, St. Paul's Brighton) and Jenny Ritter (member, St. Paul's Brighton) were asked to excuse themselves from the room so that a conversation regarding a resolution for St. Paul's could be engaged. Bishop Gibbs presented demographic information and material supporting a resolution requesting monies for a significant renovation project for St. Paul's, Brighton. The details of the resolution include:

Resolved, that the Executive Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, meeting at All Saints' Episcopal Church, East Lansing, MI on June 23, 2012, authorizes financial support of the building project at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI with a combination of loans and grants in the total amount of \$600,000.00 over a period of three years; *and be it further*

Resolved, that \$300,000 of the financial support is made in the form of grants from any of the following three funds: Centennial Fund, the Reinforcement Fund and the Endowment Fund; such disbursements to be managed by the Director of Finance; *and be it further*

Resolved, that \$300,000 of the financial support is made in the form of a loan from the Bishop's Building Fund, with the following stipulations:

- a) No repayment is required or expected for the first 3 years of the loan
- b) There is no interest on the loan

- c) During the first 3 years of the loan, St. Paul's agrees to maintain its full assessment to the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, submit its parochial report according to canonical requirements, and submit its annual audit report by the due date
- d) If St. Paul's fully complies with item (c), the \$300,000 loan from the Bishop's Building Fund will be forgiven.

The terms of the combination grant and loan were explained and a motion was made and properly seconded. Motion passed (with 2 abstentions).

1:20 **Financial reports & update** Mark Miliotto
Reports were reviewed and accepted as presented.

1:50 **Committee Reports:**

Audit: **Mark Miliotto**
Audit summary letter presented; the need for additional staff in the Finance department was raised again as a pressing concern.
Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the audit. Motion passed.

By-laws/Constitution & Canons Committee:
No report.

Loans & Grants Committee: **Susan Bock**
The committee has received two requests:
1.) An emergency grant to St. Luke's Ypsilanti for \$6,000 for building repairs.
2.) Review of Trethway Grants on behalf of the Trustees
Both requests approved.

Personnel Policy Review Committee: **Beckie Corner**
No report.

Resolution Review: **Gary Hall**
Hall reviewed the on-going tracking of various actions and resolutions from both General Convention and Diocesan Convention including:

- A078 "Recovery Sunday"- recommendation to print and distribute at Diocesan Convention
- A167 "Day of Repentance"- EDOMI is already in compliance
- January 12 to be set aside to support efforts against Human Trafficking
- AIDS Awareness- Diocesan Convention has already approved

Vital Congregations **Deon Johnson**
Report submitted was reviewed. Name change to committee was explained and accepted. Approval was given for moving forward with publishing documents to the website with introduction to be provided by Canon Gray before next meeting.

2:05 Executive Session

Council went into closed executive sessions and then came out of session to approve the following actions:

Letters will be sent to both St. Cyprian's and Emmanuel churches outlining an imperative action on their part and consequences for no action to be taken up by the membership at the September 22 mtg.

3:00 Closing Prayers and Adjournment (or earlier)

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, September 22, 2012 9:00am – 3:00pm	Full Business Meeting	Emrich Conference Center, Brighton, MI