



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council

May 12, 2012

Full Business Mtg. St. John's, Plymouth

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Cindy Corner, Rob Sherry, Andy Anyanonu, Rob Matras, Rae Lee Baxter, Ron Byrd, Shannon MacVean Brown, Judith Schellhammer, Chuck Tomlinson, Geoffrey Smereck, Don Wiggins, Traci Johnson, Lizzie Anderson, Susan Bock, Ross Vandercook, Beckie Corner, Jackie Spann, Deon Johnson, Liam O'Connor, Alice Morse, Gary Hall, Jenny Ritter, Ron Byrd, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Lisa Gray (CTTO, Secretary)

Absent: Lizzie Anderson (excused), Jackie Spann (excused), Rob Swint (excused)

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

Visitor: Andrea Morrow (Chair of Mission Budget Committee and Emrich Advisory Council)

8:30 am **Refreshments available**

9:00-9:30 **Morning Prayer and welcome**

Bishop Gibbs

Role Call

Acceptance of Agenda- agenda accepted as presented

Approval of Minutes from 3/24/12

Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the 3/24 minutes with minor corrections.

Communications to Council

Thank you notes from recipients of Social Justice Grants were mentioned

Executive Committee Actions

Covenant 5 social advocacy grant recommendations were sent by Loans and Grants to Exec. Committee for approval.

Diocesan Council affirmed decision and approved expenditures.

Bishop's Update

Ken Erickson (from Diocese of Chicago) has been called as rector to St. James, Birmingham; starting July 1, 2012.

Property updates/issues

Jo Ann Hardy

Gordonwood Camp remains on the market for sale. Sale price has been reduced; two offers have been received; both low and rejected.

Advent Church, West Bloomfield- Currently engaged in conversation with a local ELCA congregation exploring the possibility of shared space through a rental agreement. Advent continues to work with diocesan representatives in the process of navigating details for an imminent move.

St Peter's Tecumseh – two lease offers have been received and in the process of being reviewed.

Financial reports & update

Mark Miliotto

Miliotto presented overview of financials year to date.

- Current revenue: \$654,000 to budget: \$656,000.
- Tithes and offerings currently favorable; eventual shortfall of tithes and offerings projected by end of year.
- Record Magazine revenue short of projections.
- Overall expenses under budget by \$21,000; revenue behind \$1,300, aggregate result: \$20,000 favorable.

Motion to receive the Treasurer's report made and approved.

Committee Reports**Congregational Sustainability Report (CVSC)**

Deon Johnson

Initial draft resources for congregations were received and discussed. Feedback provided was positive and committee will continue to work on edits and resubmit for Council approval.

Mission Budget Committee

Andrea Morrow

Canonically mandated "budget hearings" have begun and results/feedback was provided.

Reminder added: deadline of May 25 for Convention resolutions having a financial impact.

RSVP Guiding Coalition

Deon Johnson

The Guiding Coalition is working on the final draft of an overall document that will be presented to Diocesan Council at the next meeting (June 23rd) for approval including next steps for a presentation and roll-out at Diocesan Convention in October.

Emrich Conference and Retreat Center Advisory Council Report

Andrea Morrow

Property updates and upcoming events reported including:

Garden planting

July 28 - Diocesan Family Picnic

Aug. 25 - "Backpackpalooza – featuring music, games, fun, bring a lunch.

(Bring school items to share; take items if you need if for school.)

As of March 31, Emrich was operating in the black. Bookings are coming in for 2014.

10:50-11:05 **Break**

Loans and Grants

Susan Bock

Bock asked for approval of bricks and mortars grants:

St. Anne's Walled Lake, \$10,000 (kitchen and baths): *Motion approved.*

Grace Detroit, \$10,000 for building safety inspection: *Motion approved.*

St Michael's, Lansing \$10,000 for roof replacement: *Motion approved.*

St. Katherine's Williamston \$10,000 for cost overruns on adult daycare: *Motion approved.*

Resolution Review Committee

Judith Schellhamer

No action items for this month beyond review of report.

By-laws/Constitution and Canons Committee

Gary Hall

No report.

Audit Committee

Mark Miliotto

Financial draft of audit results imminent.

Tithes and Offerings**Don Wiggins**

Committee continues to contact congregations not meeting their commitments:

St. Cyprian's remains unresponsive to numerous inquiries

Emmanuel Church Detroit remains unresponsive to numerous inquiries

A motion was made and properly seconded to invoke Canon 3.1.4.5 "Congregation Seeking Help" for both congregations in order to initiate a process of inquiry and action from the Ecclesiastical authority. Motion passed.

Executive Session

No action item to report from executive session.

12:00 **Adjournment of meeting followed by Lunch**

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, June 23, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm	Full Business Meeting	All Saints, East Lansing