



May 21, 2016 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI  
Full Business Meeting – Approved Minutes

**Council Members Present:** Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Andy Anyanonu, Rae Lee Baxter, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Steve Chisholm, Don Dersnah, Claudia Hamlin, Clare Hickman, Brian Johnson, Deon Johnson, Traci Johnson, Karen Lewis, Rob Matras, Joyce Matthews, Christopher Moran, Joyce Munro, Juan Perez, Rob Sherry, Felicity Thompson, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

**Council Members Absent:** Victoria Behnke (unexcused), Jenny Ritter (excused), Linda Shafer (excused), Geoffrey Smereck (excused), Bill Stech (excused), Edie Wakevainen, Secretary (excused)

**Diocesan Staff:** Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator)

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**9:10 – Morning Worship** led by Bishop Gibbs

**Roll Call**

Bishop Gibbs extended his apology to members who did not get the information regarding the need to hold the April council meeting via telephone conference. Members were encouraged to make sure that the Secretary of Diocesan Council has good contact information (preferably a cell phone number) in case of emergency and last minute changes.

**Opportunity Resource Fund Presentation**

Bishop Gibbs introduced Christine Coady Narayanan, President and CEO of the Opportunity Resource Fund (ORF), and Jane Carpenter, Director of Donor and Investor Relations for the fund. The invitation was extended to the staff of ORF to bring information to the Diocesan Council so that current members could be connected with the history, mission and ministry of the Opportunity Resource Fund.

**Renewal of Opportunity Resource Fund Investments**

Mark Miliotto suggested changing the renewal date of 97-3-45 R16 from 6-30-16 to 6-30-17 and 97-5-45-R16 from 6-3-16 to 6-30-18 allowing us to have funds in which one fund is renewed every year. *A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

**Program Staff Visits**

Written reports from Eric Williams and Jim Gettel were shared. Mark Miliotto and Eric Travis gave oral presentations.

**Acceptance of Agenda** – as written

**Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2016**

*Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.*

**Communications to Council**

1. *St John's, Detroit* - letter of apology for leaving Diocesan Convention; apology accepted
2. *St Katharine's, Williamston* – shortfall in budget; referred to Vital Congregations
3. From the 4 Dioceses in Michigan – Resolution Prohibiting Firearms in Churches, Organizations  
*Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the resolution as written. Motion passed.*
4. From The Rev. Deon Johnson – the Bishop commented on the letter Deon wrote addressing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

## Executive Committee Action – none

### Bishop's Update

- Visits to St John's, Royal Oak; St Paul's, Jackson; All Saints', E. Lansing; Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; St James', Grosse Ile; Christ Church, Detroit; Christ Church, Grosse Pointe
- Meetings - Clergy Conference, continuing education, CSGCC, Ministry Fair, Lansing office hours
- Upcoming Events:
  - Whitaker Celebration, June 1
  - Ordinations: June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral; June 21<sup>st</sup> at St Clare, Ann Arbor; June 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Michael and All Angels, Cambridge Junction
  - Memorial in Remembrance of Mother Emanuel presented by Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Oak Grove AME Church, & Bethel AME Church; **Sunday**, June 12, 2016 at 5:00 pm, Bethel AME Church, 5050 Antoine St, Detroit, MI 48202.
- **Council Meeting Date Change:** The September meeting has been changed from 9-17-16 to 9-10-16 beginning at 9:00 am.

### Property Report

Canon Hardy presented a written report.

### Finance Report

Mark Miliotto presented current financial reports for review and acceptance.

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

### Updates/Committee Reports

#### Primary Committees

##### *Mission Budget*

Rob Sherry reported that the two required meetings were held, the first one during Ministry Fair on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the second one at St Paul's, Brighton on Monday, May 11th (no attendees other than staff).

##### *Tithes & Offerings*

Rob Matras presented a verbal report.

##### *Loans and Grants*

Don Dersnah presented a verbal report.

1. *St Peter's, Detroit* – grant request for \$10,000 to repair falling façade, for health and safety reasons. *A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

2. *Spirit of Hope* - \$10,000 grant request plus \$90,000 loan request to prepare for Head Start program tenant. Request that Spirit of Hope prepare report to present to Standing Committee.

##### *Vital Congregations*

Deon Johnson presented a written report.

##### *Resolution Review*

Judith Schellhammer presented a verbal report.

*HR Policy* – no report

*Audit*

Mark Miliotto reported that the audit proceeded without adjustments. Preliminary report received; final report will be presented at next council meeting.

*By-laws/Constitution & Canons* – no report

Advisory:

*Property Advisory* – no report other than that presented by Canon Hardy earlier

*Emrich Advisory Council*

Joyce Munro presented and reviewed a written report. *A motion to accept the budget was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

Other:*Campus Ministry Liaisons*

MSU – Claudia Hamlin presented a written report.

Canterbury House, Ann Arbor – no report

**Shared Interest Loan Fund**

Mark Miliotto gave a report. Council had redeemed our loans to Shared Interest Loan Fund. The Shared Interest Executive Director met with Mark and Jo Ann to ask us to re-invest. *A motion was made and properly seconded to invest \$200,000 for 5 years at 1.25%.* Discussion affirmed that our Social Service and Covenant 5 funding will not be in peril. *Motion passed.*

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at St Paul's, Brighton. Bishop reminded us to pay attention to Call to Meeting email that Beth sends out, not the previous minutes!

**2:51 pm Adjournment**

Next Meeting:

| <b>Meeting Date &amp; Time</b>              | <b>Agenda/Focus</b>   | <b>Location</b>                           |
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| Saturday, June 25, 2016<br>10:00am – 2:00pm | Full Business Meeting | St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI |