



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council

September 22, 2012

Full Business Mtg. Emrich Retreat Center, Brighton

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

Absent: Excused: Beckie Corner, Rob Swint, Liam O'Connor

Other: Gary Hall

Diocesan Staff: Jo Ann Hardy (Diocesan Administrator)

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

8:30 am **Refreshments available**

9:05 **Role Call**

Bishop Gibbs

Morning Prayer

Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2012

Minutes approved with minor corrections and additional updates to be provided by Canon Gray.

Communications to Council

1.) Letter from Kit Carlson (Rector of All Saints, East Lansing)

Bishop read letter to Council and provided his perspective that this is a strategy to challenge the funding of the chaplaincy through the diocesan operating budget in an attempt to get more money for the chaplaincy. Further, it is the Bishop's expectation that the responsibility to raise more money for the chaplaincy rests solely with the chaplaincy and not Diocesan Council; no action item to date.

Executive Committee Actions

Resolution was presented to Executive Committee to approve using \$125k from "Land Purchase and Property Sold" Fund to add to the final sale of Advent, West Bloomfield to satisfy the requirements of the Receivership.

A motion was made and properly seconded to affirm the Executive Committee action. Motion passed.

Bishop's Update

- Bishop has a summary of all General Convention actions for anyone interested
- Diocesan picnic went well and is booked for next year and following years
- Pastoral Issues (details not included to maintain privacy):
- Prayer requests for: The Rev. Karen Johanns, The Rev. Sandra Richardson, The Rev. Diane Morgan, The Rev. Ed Mullins, Family of The Rev. Doug Evett, Family of Communications Director, Rick Schulte
- The Rev. Gary Hall has left Christ Church Cranbrook to become the Dean of the National Cathedral.

- The Rev. Michelle Meech began in August as Ministry Developer and is doing a wonderful job.
- New clergy since June:
The Rev. Ken Erickson (St. James, Birmingham),
The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams (St. Stephen's, Troy)
- St. Gabriel's legal issue update

Property updates/issues

Jo Ann Hardy

Canon Hardy presented the most recent Property report with highlights.

- **Holy Spirit, Livonia:** has been approved to be sold by Standing Committee.
- **Gordonwood Camp:** New appraisal reported at \$580,000 and an offer has been made at the appraised amount. Bishop Gibbs reviewed history of Gordonwood and asked Director of Finance, Mark Miliotto to review how the revenue would be invested (hand out included).
-Sale price: \$580k with \$45k closing costs= \$535,000 profit
-Presentation outlined of various scenarios investing revenue with predicted outcomes of income provided for discussion
Bishop reminded Council that this scenario is provided for information only and the current decision is simply whether to approve the current pending offer to purchase.

Motion made and properly seconded to accept current offer of \$580k (including saving 5 acres for diocesan ownership and use). Motion passed.

- **Advent, West Bloomfield:**

Canon Hardy shared additional complications with the rectory on the property pending the City Council's November meeting to split the property. The current gap, now provided without the additional property value of the rectory is \$150k. \$229,080 is the aggregate balance of the remaining amount owed by Advent to the receivership to reach resolution.

Motion made and properly seconded to loan \$150,000 to Advent to cover the purchase cost of the rectory to satisfy the terms of the receivership. Following the anticipated split of the rectory from the property by Town Council, the diocese will then sell the property at an anticipated profit. Motion passed.

- **St. Mark's, Detroit:**

St. Mark's, Detroit- Motion made and properly seconded to approve extending Land Contract 4 years at 4%. Motion passed.

10:45-11:00 **Break**

Mission & Budget Committee

Andrea Morrow

Presentation and Adoption of 2013 Final Proposed Budget:

Andrea Morrow, presented final 2013 proposed budget to Council with highlights from summary report provided. There is no change in the bottom line of the proposed budget already presented and reviewed.

Motion was made and properly seconded to adopt the 2013 proposed budget to present to Diocesan Convention in October. Motion passed.

Preliminary Approval of 2014 Budget Draft

Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the 2014 proposed DRAFT budget to present to Diocesan Convention in October. Motion passed.

Additional Bishop's update

-St Gabriel's, Eastpointe property dispute update: Bishop Gibbs provided a brief overview of the legal injunction filed in an attempt to prohibit the Bishop from taking further action with the property of St. Gabriel's after it's closing as a congregation.

-Bishop thanked Council members whose terms are ending: Susan Bock, Judith Schellhammer (will begin a second term in November), Chuck Tomlinson, Don Wiggins, Lizzie Anderson (will begin a second term in November), Andy Anyanonu, Jackie Spann, Bob Swint,

Deanery openings to be filled in November:

Emrich- clergy member

Lyster- lay member (to be filled by Judith Schellhammer)

Oakland- lay and a clergy (to fill unexpired term of Gary Hall)

Detroit- lay member

Additional appointments will be made by Bishop after deanery elections are complete to balance the demographics of the membership.

Financial reports & update

Mark Miliotto

Financials were reviewed with the report of current trending to the positive. Revenue trails budget slightly but understandably, while the aggregate in expense is significantly ahead. Tithes and Offerings are favorable to YTD budget.

Bishop Gibbs underscored that immense transparency has been finally achieved (for which he is very grateful) through the efforts of many individuals including Mission Budget Committee, Tithes and Offerings Committee and the work of diocesan staff.

Motion made and properly seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Housing Resolution for the Rev. Michelle Meech

Motion was made and properly seconded to accept the housing resolution submitted.

Committee

Chair

Resolution Review

Judith Schellhammer

The three resolutions passed in June were reviewed and will be sent to Diocesan Convention. A fourth resolution was introduced to: **"Establish a formal Companion Relationship with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic"** (in partnership with the Episcopal Dioceses of Western and Eastern Michigan).

Motion was made and properly seconded to affirm sending this fourth resolution to Diocesan Convention. Motion passed

Emrich Advisory Council

Andrea Morrow

Andrea Morrow welcomed the Council to Emrich and reviewed the reservations to date showing great activity. A new event at Diocesan Convention for Emrich will be held at the bar in the hotel with details to be shared in Convention packet. 650 lbs of food has been donated to Gleaners this year for food donations.

12:00 pm **Lunch**

12:45 **Additional Committee Reports:**

Committee	Chair
Audit (no report)	Mark Miliotto
By-laws/Constitution & Canons Committee (no report)	
Guiding Coalition (RSVP)	Deon Johnson
-Deon reminded Council they have the RSVP presentation to be presented at Convention.	
Loans & Grants Committee (no report)	Susan Bock
Personnel Policy Review Committee (no report)	Beckie Corner
Tithes & Offerings Committee (no report)	Don Wiggins
-Don handed out a summary report highlighting which congregations are behind.	
Vital Congregations (no report)	Deon Johnson

Bishop, began conversation regarding a number of congregations including:

1.) **All Saints, Detroit**- Bishop shared the story that for the last 12 years he has been telling folks to invite the people in their neighborhood to church. This past month he found a postcard invitation from the church on his door. He applauds the effort and hopes it yields results.

2.) **Emmanuel, Detroit**- no formal response- no further action taken at this time. This will be left unresolved until the November meeting to be discussed and acted upon.

3.) **St. Cyprian, Detroit**- Bishop Gibbs copied and distributed the response letter from the rector the Rev. Donald Lutas and Senior Warden dated September 18, 2012. He then read a copy of a letter that the Rev. Donald Lutas sent to Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori asking for assistance. Conversation ensued.

Action: Susan Bock (Dean) will draft a response to their response and work with a small group of Council members including Don Wiggins, Rob Sherry (Warden), Deon Johnson and RaeLee Baxter. They will also make every effort to meet with the entire congregation in order to share the canonical process referenced in the original letter. In the letter they will:

-Reiterate the information requested in the original letter

-Request a time certain to meet with the congregation” as requested to engage a conversation of the whole.

2:00 **Closing Prayers and Adjournment**

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, November 17, 2012 9:00am – 3:00pm	Business Meeting which includes Orientation, Elections, and Committee Assignments	St. John’s, Plymouth