



The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

June 28, 2014 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton
Full Business Meeting **Approved Minutes**

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Shannon MacVean Brown, Rob Sherry, George Davinich, Rob Matras, Deon Johnson, Judith Schellhammer, Cindy Corner, Joyce Matthews, Rae Lee Baxter, Richard Pina, Bill Stech, Indira Samuels, Don Dersnah, Jenny Ritter, Roger Weekes, Lizzie Anderson, Liam O'Connor, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

Council Members Absent: Ron Byrd (excused), Claudia Hamlin (excused), Patrice Thornton (excused), Clare Hickman (excused), Patti Klaver (excused), Rick Smith (absent without notice), Geoffrey Smereck (excused)

Diocesan Staff: Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator), Rick Schulte (Dir. Of Communications—excused)

10:00 – Morning Prayer led by Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call

Agenda accepted with no additions

Approval of Minutes from May 31, 2014

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

Communications to Council – none

Executive Committee Actions – none

Bishop's Update

- Diocesan Council meeting dates: 9/20/14, 11/22/14, 1/17/15, 3/7/15, 4/11/15, 5/30/15, 6/20/15, 9/19/15, 11/21/15
- Elections for Council representatives need to occur at the Deanery Caucuses this fall as follows: Downriver (clergy), Capitol (clergy), Trinity (lay), Huron (lay), Emrich (lay), Lyster (clergy)
- Visitations: St. Clement's, Inkster; St. Paul's, Romeo; St. Michael's, Lincoln Park; St. Augustine's, Mason
- Attended Province V Bishops' Meeting, Whitaker Celebration, Ecumenical Theological Seminary Awards Dinner
- Regional Confirmation at St. John's, Plymouth
- Attended Executive Council—present for announcement of UTO grant to St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor, to support kitchen updates for "The Breakfast"
- Diocesan Ordinations, June 14: Glenn Morrison, Ken Rasnick, Linda Shafer (vocational diaconate); Nikki Seger (transitional diaconate); Juan Perez (priesthood)
- Cathedral Center closed first week in July for Green Week; Diocesan staff not on vacation, but working from home during that time
- Will attend National UBE Conference, EYE in Philadelphia
- Clergy transition: The Rev. Shannon MacVean Brown has accepted a call to serve as Canon at Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis
- Covenant 5 reported to Diocesan Council on congregations implementing General Convention resolutions on social justice and/or otherwise engaging in social justice/advocacy ministry

Diocesan Archivist and Historiographer

Canon Administrator Jo Ann Hardy reported four responses to the news flash email regarding the need to fill this position. She recommended that Council appoint the Rev. Christopher Berg as Archivist and Historiographer and

the Rev. William Roberts as Assistant for Archives and History. A motion to that effect was made and properly seconded. *Motion passed.*

Property Report

Canon Hardy presented a written report.

Highlight: Property of St. Martha's, Detroit, is listed and has been shown six times, but we are still awaiting a good offer.

Canon Hardy intends to visit five properties during Green Week.

Finance Report

Treasurer 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 reviewed a written report. The Committee recommends that the proposed draft budget for 2015 be accepted by Council. A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. *Motion passed.*

Tithes & Offerings

Rob Matras reviewed a written report.

Loans and Grants

Canon Hardy presented a report.

1. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve a request from St. James, Dexter, for a grant to repair and paint the church exterior. A grant of \$9000 was approved. *Motion passed.*

2. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve a request from St. Luke's, Ypsilanti, for a grant for boiler replacement. A grant of \$9000 was approved. *Motion passed.*

3. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve a request from Trinity, St. Clair Shores, for a grant for stained glass repair. A grant of \$9000 was approved. *Motion passed.*

These grants are awarded from the Centennial Fund.

4. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve a request from All Saints, Pontiac, for \$10,000 grant to support their kitchen renovation project. This grant was awarded from the Millennial Development Goal reserve, as the Kids Café program, which uses the kitchen, supports Goals 1 and 2. *Motion passed.*

Vital Congregations

Deon Johnson presented a written report. Holy Faith Church, Saline, has petitioned Bishop Gibbs and the Diocesan Council for parish status and submitted supporting documents to the Bishop and members of the Vital Congregations Committee for review. The Committee recommends that parish status be granted to Holy Faith Church. A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. *Members of Council present voted by show of hands; the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.* A letter will be sent to the Secretary of Convention presenting a resolution granting parish status to Holy Faith Church, Saline, for ratification at the 2014 Diocesan Convention.

Secondary Committees

Resolution Review

Judith Schellhammer presented a written report.

HR Policy Review – no report

Audit – no report

By-laws/Constitution & Canons – no report

Advisory:

Property Advisory – see property report above

Emrich Advisory Council

A written report was presented.

Other:

Campus Ministry – no report

12:00 noon – Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, September 20, 2014 10:00am – 2:00pm	Full business meeting	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton 200 West St. Paul Street Brighton, MI 48116