



The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

January 21, 2017 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Andy Anyanonu, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Steve Chisholm, Steven Domienik, Claudia Hamlin, Martha Hanoian, Clare Hickman, Traci Johnson, Karen Lewis, Rob Matras, Christopher Moran, Joyce Munro, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Jenny Ritter, Linda Shafer, Geoffrey Smereck, Felicity Thompson, Roger Weekes, Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

Council Members Absent: Victoria Behnke (unexcused), Brian Johnson (unexcused), Bill Stech (excused), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary, excused)

Diocesan Staff: Rick Schulte (Director of Diocesan Communications, excused), Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator), Eric Travis (Missioner for Youth and Young Adults)

9:00 – Morning Worship led by Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call – quorum present

Acceptance of Agenda -- approved

Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2016

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

Communications to Council -- none

Executive Committee Action – none

Program Staff Visit – Eric Travis, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults

Eric presented a PowerPoint presentation and distributed a very thorough handout listing all the programs YAYA offers. He said, “God’s work is in our hands.”

His needs? How to stay in touch with congregations and empower work at the congregational level.

His greatest challenge? The many demands on everyone’s time in scheduling events that youth might attend

How can we help?

- Prayer – reminds us to be who we say we are
- Share information with others
- Send Eric info from our congregations – keep him informed
- Invite Eric to come to our churches

Felicity suggested involving community partners, businesses that might help fund internships. Get young adults to go into community to get support from local businesses.

Break (10:03 – 10:13)

Bishop’s Update

- Visits to Trinity, Farmington Hills; Holy Cross, Novi; Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield; St. John’s, Westland; Grace Church, Detroit
- Provincial Leadership Council (12/7 – 12/8)
- Diocesan Ordination (12/10)
- Christmas Eve at Nativity, Bloomfield Township, and Cathedral Church of St Paul, Detroit

- Celebrated Canon Jo Ann Hardy's 30 years of service to the Diocese
- Ministry Retreat (28 people in process)
- Deaths: The Reverend Ervin Brown (ret.), who served at Christ Church, Detroit
- Communication to the bishop: Gary Street (For Love of Water) and Jo Ann Cromley (Straits Area for Concerned Citizens) want to bring to our diocese a concern for the pipeline going through the Straits of Mackinac. Joyce Munro volunteered to be the liaison with them.

Property Report

Canon Hardy presented a written report.

A motion was made and properly seconded to renegotiate the land contract on the Property of St. Hilda's, River Rouge, as the balloon payment is due. Motion passed.

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 – no report

Tithes & Offerings – no report

Loans and Grants – no actions

Vital Congregations

Clare Hickman reported that The Rev. Thomas Brackett, Director of New Church Starts and Missional Initiatives (The Episcopal Church) is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for Requiem or Renaissance Workshop, March 25 at St. Paul's, Brighton.

Resolution Review

Judith Schellhammer presented a written report and reminded all that the name of a resolution does not necessarily describe accurately the intent of the resolution. Also, note action items. Bishop Gibbs reminded everyone that deanery reps are responsible for communicating information to their deaneries. Do not assume that the Deans have all of the important info from Council.

Secondary Committees

HR Policy Review – no report

Audit – no report

By-Laws/Constitution & Canons

The Bishop, at the Diocesan Council meeting on Dec. 3, 2016, having suggested the suitability of adding "and Assistant Secretary" to the current By-Law 1.4.1 to the positions which shall be nominated by the President and approved by the Diocesan Council; therefore, the By-Laws, Constitution & Canons Committee moved that By-Law 1.4.1 of the Diocesan Council be amended, as follows:

By-Law 1.4.1 CURRENTLY READS –

1.4.1 The Secretary shall be nominated by the President and approved by Diocesan Council.

PROPOSED TO AMEND By-Law 1.4.1 TO READ—

1.4.1 The Secretary and Assistant Secretary shall be nominated by the President and approved by Diocesan Council.

Motion passed.

Furthermore, the By-Laws, Constitution & Canons Committee moved that By-Law 1.4.2 of the Diocesan Council be amended, as follows:

By-Law 1.4.2 CURRENTLY READS –

1.4.2 The Secretary shall (a) attend all meetings of the Diocesan Council and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose; (b) give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of Diocesan Council and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by Diocesan Council, and (c) keep in safe custody the seal of Diocesan Council and, when authorized by Diocesan Council, affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed it shall be attested by the Secretary's signature.

PROPOSED TO AMEND By-Law 1.4.2 TO READ—

1.4.2 The Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall (a) attend all meetings of the Diocesan Council and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose; (b) give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of Diocesan Council and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by Diocesan Council, and (c) keep in safe custody the seal of Diocesan Council and, when authorized by Diocesan Council, affix the same to any instrument requiring it, and when so affixed it shall be attested by the Secretary's or Assistant Secretary's signature.

Motion passed.

Advisory:

Property Advisory – reported above

Emrich Advisory Council

A written report was presented. Their next meeting is February 21st at 6:00 pm (not January 10th).

Other:

Campus Ministry Liaisons: One Community

Claudia Hamlin presented a written report.

Prior to adjournment, Bishop and Council engaged in conversation about the work that is to begin with Visions, Inc. Much of our conversation was in preparation to join the event that had already convened with the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force in another part of the St. Paul's complex. We are to be joined by members of the Standing Committee. This gathering is to get input and by-in from leadership of the diocese. Concerns about the Mission and Vision statements are to be shared with the larger group.

Adjournment 11:58 am

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, March 18, 2017 10:00am – 2:00pm (9:30 am Breakfast)	Full Business Meeting	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI