

The Diocesan Council

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan



September 20, 2018 Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit, MI
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Andy Anyanonu, Askari Asante, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Steve Chisholm, Steven Domienik, Martha Hanoian, Clare Hickman, Bruce Hinkle, Shirley Lappi, Joyce Munro, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Felicity Thompson, Diana Walworth, Roger Weekes, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

Council Members Absent: Claudia Hamlin (excused), Linda MacDonald (excused), Winfred Mandody (unexcused), Katie Oppenheim (excused), Jenny Ritter (excused), Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary, excused), Bill Stech (excused)

Diocesan Staff: Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator), Anna Schroen (Director of Communications)

7:00 – Bishop Gibbs led the group in prayer.

Roll call – Quorum established.

Agenda accepted as written

Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2018

Approved as written with corrections to attendance.

Communications to Council – The Search and Nominations Committee thanked members of Council for meeting with them.

Executive Committee

When Bishop Gibbs came to the diocese, he and Karlah were given a loan of \$83,125 to assist him in purchasing a home. In the original loan document, repayment was to include a fee of 25% of the proceeds upon sale of the house. In August, Bishop Gibbs requested that Council consider payment of \$83,125 as repayment in full. Executive Committee approved and requests ratification of this action. *A motion was made and properly seconded to this effect. Motion passed.*

Bishop's Update

- Eric Travis presented highlights of the revised Safeguarding Model Policies. *A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the document as Safe Church Policy for Diocese of Michigan. Motion passed.* A clean copy will be provided to all Council members. Thanks to Eric, Lynda, Diana, and Katie for their hard work.
- Meeting dates for 2018-2019
- Visitations: St. Michael's, Grosse Pointe Woods; St. Patrick's, Madison Heights; St. Aidan's, Ann Arbor
- St. James, Grosse Ile 150th anniversary
- General Convention
- Diocesan Picnic
- Vacation
- New rector for Christ Church, Detroit: The Rev. Emily Williams-Guffey
- Donna McNeal will be the new chaplain at MSU
- Prayer requests
- Thanksgivings
- Regarding property gifted to St. Aidan's, Ann Arbor—*A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the sale conditionally, based on the Standing Committee receiving all necessary and appropriate documents. Motion passed.*

Property Updates

Canon Hardy reviewed a written report. No action items.

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.*

Mission Budget Committee

A vote was taken to accept the Final Proposed Budget for 2019 and forward it to Diocesan Convention in October. Vote passed.

A vote was taken to accept the Draft Budget for 2020 and forward it to Diocesan Convention in October. Vote passed.

Tithes & Offerings – written report

Loans & Grants – no action items

Vital Congregations

Clare Hickman handed out the flyer advertising the advanced Requiem and Renaissance workshop.

Resolution Review – written report

HR Policy Review – no action items

Audit – no report

By-Laws/Constitution and Canons – no report

Emrich Advisory Council – no report

Campus Ministry – written report on Canterbury House; Bishop Gibbs provided update on MSU campus ministry, with experienced chaplain, Donna McNiel, arriving October 15.

Covenant V – no report

Whitaker Institute – written report

Thanks to Retiring Council Members – Andy Anyanonu, Clare Hickman, Joyce Munro, Jenny Ritter

Adjournment – 8:42 pm

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, November 17, 2018 9:00am –3:00pm	Business Meeting which includes Orientation, Elections, and Committee Assignments	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI