

The Diocesan Council
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan



January 26, 2019 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Askari Asante, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Steve Chisholm, Steven Domienik, Anthony Estes, Claudia Hamlin, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Shirley Lappi, Linda MacDonald, Winfred Mandody, Joyce Munro, Katie Oppenheim, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

Council Members Absent: Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary, excused), Bill Stech (excused), Diana Walworth (excused), Roger Weekes (excused)

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

10:00 – Morning Worship led by Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call – Quorum established

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2018

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

Communications to Council

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection – appreciation for funding for repairs

St. Augustine's University – appreciation for offering from Absalom Jones commemoration service in 2018.

Executive Committee Action

Council voted to ratify the following actions taken by Executive Committee since the November 2018 meeting:

Approval of Bishop Gibbs' appointments of Ronald A. Charles (lay) and The Rev'd Paul Castelli (clergy) to fill two convention-elected vacancies on the Cathedral Chapter.

Approval of a housing resolution: Whereas the Reverend Halim Shukair is employed as a minister of the Gospel of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, which does not provide a residence for him, the Executive Committee of Diocesan Council resolves that, of the total salary of \$56,318 to be paid to Reverend Shukair during 2019, \$20,000 be designated as parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

Bishop's Update

- Visits to St. Andrew's, Ann Arbor; St. Stephen's, Troy; St. Clare's, Ann Arbor; St. Andrew's, Waterford; Canterbury U of M; St. Cyprian's, Detroit
- Day-long staff Safe Church training
- Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of New Rector, Christ Church, Detroit
- Ordinations at the Cathedral
- Meeting with St. John's, Plymouth Vestry
- Holiday Open House
- Christmas Service – Nativity, Bloomfield Hills
- Christmas Service – Cathedral Church of St. Paul
- Wedding for Lizzie Anderson (Kostin)

- Funeral for Chuck Millar
- Meeting of OBM Council of Advice
- Funeral for Ward Clabuesch

Property Report

J. Hardy reviewed a written report. J. Hardy also reviewed an addition to the diocesan alcohol use policy regarding the use of THC, marijuana, or cannabis at church functions. It reads as follows: “The use or presence of THC, marijuana or cannabis, including products containing any such additives, is forbidden at church functions in the Diocese of Michigan.” *Motion was made and properly seconded to adopt this addition to the policy. Motion passed.*

Financial Reports/Updates

M. 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 further report following Treasurer’s presentation

Tithes & Offerings – written report presented by P. Castelli

Loans and Grants – written report provided by B. Stech, presented by M. Hanoian

Covenant 5 Grants

A motion was made to approve the Loans and Grants Committee’s recommendation for the allocation of the Covenant 5 grants as follows. Motion passed. (M. Hanoian abstained.)

MINISTRY	2019 Grant
TBLG Concerns	\$1,500
Brian's Hope	\$750
Intercultural Competency – Christ Church Dearborn	\$0
All Saints’ East Lansing - Sanctuary	\$650
Grace in Action, ELCA/S.W. Detroit	\$2,000
Project Opiate	\$1,250
Word & World – St. Peter’s, Detroit	\$2,000
Friday Fill Up - Trinity Belleville	\$500
Food that LAUGHS - Whitaker School	\$500
Criminal Justice Incarnation Pittsfield	\$1,500
American Friends Service	\$3,600
St Peter’s, Detroit - WTP	\$2,000
Crossroads, Detroit	\$1,000
ACTION of Greater Lansing	\$4,500
<i>Total Grants</i>	<i>\$21,750</i>

Brick and Mortar Grant

St. Aidan’s, Ann Arbor requested a \$1,495 grant to help fund a repair of cement steps. The cost will be split with the Northside Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor who shares the property. St. Aidan’s will be funding over half of their share of the repair. The total cost will be \$6,050. *A motion was made to approve the committee’s recommendation to approve a grant of \$1,495. Motion passed.*

Brick and Mortar Loan

St. David’s, Southfield has requested a loan of \$300,000 for use in a \$900,000 Capital improvement project. The loan request says “This project grew out of a Listening Campaign in 2014, to identify the improvements needed in the physical plant to better facilitate our use of the building for outreach and service to the community. The renovation in particular will upgrade the fellowship hall and foyer, completely renovate kitchen and bathrooms, make classroom space flexible, add air conditioning to the sanctuary and replace the flat roof over the fellowship hall, classrooms and offices.” The committee turns this over to Diocesan Council for discussion and decision. Council requests that representatives of St. David’s, Southfield return for the March meeting to answer questions regarding the project.

Vital Congregations – no report

Resolution Review – written report

Secondary Committees

HR Policy – no report

Audit – no report

By-laws/Constitution & Canons – no report

Liaisons

Canterbury U of M – verbal report. Katie Oppenheim and Bishop Gibbs indicate that Canterbury House is doing well. Matthew Lukens, Chaplain, has reinstated Sunday evening worship on a weekly basis. Midweek services also continue.

CanterburyMSU – written report

Covenant 5 – no additional report beyond grant approvals

Whitaker Advisory Council – written report, supplemented by discussion

YAYA – written report, supplemented by S. Chisholm

Emrich Advisory Council – Deon Johnson presented a written report, followed by discussion.

Adjournment – 12:04 pm

Lunch

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:00am – 2:00pm	Full Business Meeting (staff visits: Hesse, Miliotto)	St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI