

The Diocesan Council  
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan



March 30, 2019 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI  
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

**Council Members Present:** Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Steve Chisholm, Steven Domienik, Anthony Estes, Claudia Hamlin, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Shirley Lappi, Linda MacDonald, Joyce Munro, Katie Oppenheim, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Bill Stech, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Diana Walworth, Roger Weekes, Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

**Council Members Absent:** Askari Asante (excused), Winfred Mandody (excused), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary, 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

**Acceptance of Agenda** – add New Business led by Dean Paul Castelli prior to Executive Session (as needed)

**Communications to Council** – none

**Executive Committee Action**

Council voted to ratify the following actions taken by Executive Committee since the January 2019 meeting:

- Social Service Grants – ½ of budgeted MDG money to go to 2019 Grant requests. *Motion to ratify Executive Council action made and properly seconded. Motion ratified.*
- Loan request by Forster Woods Adult Day Care Center, a ministry of St Katherine's Church, Williamston for \$10,000 repayable over five years. *Motion to ratify Executive Council action made and properly seconded. Motion ratified.*

**Special Presentation** – by the Very Rev. Chris Yaw, Rector, and others from St. David's, Southfield, regarding a loan request

**Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2019**

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

**Staff Presentations**

The Rev. Vicki Hesse, Director of Whitaker Institute  
Mark Miliotto, Director of Finance

**Bishop's Update**

- Visits to Trinity, Farmington Hills; Spirit of Grace, West Bloomfield; St John's, Plymouth; Holy Cross, Novi
- Other: Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Arrangements – 2021, Brian Wallman's funeral, Epiphany Series, Canterbury-MSU Board Meeting, DDG Annual Meeting in the Dominican Republic, Absalom Jones Service at Cathedral, met with Bishop semi-finalists, deconsecrated Tecumseh church, vacation in Hawaii, Vestry Day in Lansing, Ash Wednesday service and dinner at Christ Church Dearborn, Deacon's Quiet Day, House of Bishops at Kanuga

- Deaths: Brain Wallman (husband of the Rev. Clare Hickman), Chandrika (Nita) Udani (mother of the Rev. Manisha Dostert), Curt Behnke (husband of the Rev. Deacon Cathy Behnke), Jack Manko (grandfather of the Rev. Paul Castelli), the Rev. Edward Reynolds, the Rev. Paul Hiyama, the Rev. Rollie Norris
- Distribution of revised Constitution and Canons

### **Property Report**

J. Hardy reviewed a written report.

### **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* – C. Hamlin reported that the committee is preparing for the Ministry Fair presentation.

*Tithes & Offerings* – written report presented by P. Castelli; he will be working with the Treasurer and Vital Congregations

*Loans and Grants* – written report presented by B. Stech

#### Brick and Mortar Grants

1. St. Peter's, Detroit has requested 10,000 to replace and repair windows. The Committee recommends that \$5,000 be allocated for this project. *Motion to this effect was made. Motion passed.*
2. St. Michael's & All Angel's, Lincoln Park has requested \$10,000 to assist with the cost of installing an elevator/lift. The congregation has done some fundraising, and most of the funds needed from donations. The Committee recommends that \$7,500 be allocated for this project. *Motion to this effect was made. Motion passed.*

#### Social Services Grants

The committee considered the twenty-one applications received, totaling \$75,830 in requests. Many of the requests are for direct assistance with food needs, medical assistance, and educational programs for children. In an effort to maximize the amount of funds available for these ministries, the Loans and Grants committee requested an Executive Committee action to allocate \$8,053.50, one-half of the Sustainable Development Goal funds in Council's budget for 2019 support of the Social Service Grants. The Executive Committee approved this action on March 6, 2019, making a total of \$61,535.50 available for distribution. The Loans and Grants Committee made the funding recommendations presented in the table below. Martha Hanoian recused herself during voting. *Motion to this effect was made. Motion passed.*

Name	2019 Request	2019 Recommend	Deanery	SDG
1. Ann Arbor, St. Andrew's The Breakfast Program	7,500	7,000	Huron Valley	2
2. Belleville, Trinity Friday Fill-Up food for kids	3,000	2,000	Downriver	2
3. Brooklyn, All Saints' Food Pantry	3,000	3,000	William Lyster	2
4. Dearborn, Christ Church Food for children	1,900	1,500	Trinity	2
5. Detroit, Church of the Messiah AIM Youth program	3,000	2,500	Detroit	
6. Detroit, Crossroads Food Pantry	7,000	2,785	Detroit	2
7. Detroit, Mariners Inn Food Pantry	3,000	3,000	Detroit	2
8. Detroit, St. Peter's water distribution support	3,000	2,000	Detroit	
9. Farmington Hills, Trinity summer program adult expense	1,610	1,200	Trinity	
10. Hillsdale, St. Peter's Free Clinic medicine	3,000	2,500	William Lyster	3
11. Mt. Clemens, Grace Church Community Suppers	3,000	2,850	McGehee	2
12. Plymouth, St. John's Food Pantry	1,200	1,000	Trinity	2
13. Pontiac, Bound Together Tutoring for children	12,000	12,000	McGehee	4
14. Pontiac, All Saints' Community Breakfast	2,500	1,750	McGehee	2
15. Royal Oak, St. John's Open Hands Food Pantry	3,000	2,350	McGehee	2
16. Shelby Twp., St. Luke's Paper Pantry	2,000	2,000	McGehee	
17. Southfield, St. Anne's Mead Support for Seniors	3,000	1,500	McGehee	
18. West Bloomfield, Spirit of Grace Meals on Wheels for seniors	3,000	1,500	McGehee	2
19. Westland, St. John's Food Pantry	1,000	800	Trinity	2
20. Williamston, Forster Woods Forster Woods Senior Wellness	8,120	7,500	Captial	
21. Ypsilanti, St. Luke's Paper Pantry	1,000	800	Huron Valley	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75,830</b>	<b>61,535</b>		

#### Loan Request

St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield St. David's requested a loan of \$300,000 for use in a \$900,000 Capital improvement project. From the loan request: "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.” There was a lively discussion and agreement to return to the issue after lunch.

**12:21 pm – Lunch**

**1:02 pm – Resume Business Meeting**

*Loans & Grants (continued) – Motion was made and properly seconded to approve St. David’s loan request. Motion passed.*

*Vital Congregations* – verbal report given by Bruce Cann  
Vestry Days – 150 people from 20 congregations attended  
Ministry Fair – May 4, 2019 “Sharing God’s Love”  
Stewardship Conference – September 20, 2019  
Advanced Renaissance in November or December

*Resolution Review* – written report

Secondary Committees

*HR Policy* – no report

*Audit* – audit begins Tuesday

*By-Laws Constitution & Canons* – no report

*Property Advisory* – no report

*Liaisons*

Canterbury U of M – no report  
Canterbury MSU – oral report by Linda MacDonald: making good transition  
Covenant V – no report  
Whitaker Institute– written report  
Emrich – Steve Domienik presented the Adopt-A Room fundraiser; 7 out of 30 rooms already paid for; Diocesan Picnic – July 27, 2019

**New Business** – Dean Paul Castelli presented the Bishop Wendell and Karlah Gibbs Youth & Young Adult Legacy Fund for Council consideration:

“The Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan approves the establishment of the Wendell and Karlah Gibbs Youth & Young Adult Legacy Fund, as of April 1, 2019. As a permanently restricted fund of Diocesan Council, the income from donations received will be used to support diocesan sponsored children’s, youth, and young adult ministries.”

*Motion to establish this fund made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

**1:27 pm - Adjournment**

Next Meeting:

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Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Full Business Meeting (staff visits: Gettel, Hardy, Schroen)	St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI