

The Diocesan Council
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan



May 22, 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, Katie Oppenheim, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Diana Walworth, Roger Weekes, Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary)

Council Members Absent: Mark Miliotto (Treasurer, excused), Bill Stech (excused), Winfred Mandody (unexcused)

Diocesan Staff: Anna Stania (Director of Communications), Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator); Jim Gettel (Canon for Congregational Life)

7:00 pm – Opening Prayers led by Bishop Gibbs

Roll Call – Quorum established

Acceptance of Agenda – as written

Approval of Minutes from March 30, 2019

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

Communications to Council – none

Executive Committee Action – none

Special Order of Business: Program Staff Presentations

- Jim Gettel, Canon, Congregational Life
- Jo Ann Hardy, Canon, Diocesan Administration
- Anna Stania, Director of Communications

Bishop's Update

- Visits to St. John's, Westland; St. John's, Royal Oak; Canterbury on the Lake
- Cathedral for Easter
- Clergy Conference
- Spring Total Ministry gathering
- Becoming Beloved Community, Province V conference
- Chrism Mass
- Trip to Ireland
- Ministry Fair
- Fresh Start
- Regional Confirmations
- Annual Retreat
- Breakfast with the nominees for bishop
- Thanks to the Transition Committee for their hard work
- Thanks to everyone who allowed their names into our process, especially for the four nominees

Property Updates/Issues

J. Hardy reviewed a written report.

Financial Reports/Updates

M. Miliotto presented current financial reports to staff yesterday. Bishop Gibbs summarized the presentation for Council. Information about Whitaker and Emrich is included.

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 presented a written report.

Vital Congregations/Tithes and Offerings – P. Castelli presented a written report.

Loans and Grants – M. Hanoian presented a written report.

Church of the Redeemer, Southfield has requested a grant to complete masonry/cement repairs to the church property and rectory. The total amount of the project is \$14,035. A grant of \$8,000 was awarded from the Tretheway Fund of the Trustees at the March meeting. The Committee recommends that \$2,800 be awarded to assist with this project. *Motion passed.*

Resolution Review – J. Schellhammer presented a written report.

Secondary Committees

HR Policy Review – I. Rhodenhiser presented a first draft of the policy manual for feedback, questions, etc. Council asked to submit those via email. Final version will be brought to Council in June.

Audit – no report

By-Laws Constitution & Canons – no report

Property Advisory – no report

Liaisons

Canterbury U of M – K. Oppenheim presented a written report.

Canterbury MSU – C. Hamlin presented a written report.

Covenant V – no report

Whitaker Institute – S. Lappi presented a written report. Three-person committee of COM will work with V. Hesse on continuing education requirements.

Emrich – B. Hinkle reported that 12 rooms have been adopted (out of 30 total). Some will be renovated by the time of the picnic, so people can see them. Fundraising and awareness campaign at October convention.

New Business

J. Gettel described the ministry of the Rev. Halim Shukair in the Dearborn area. with a new Arab American Christian mission congregation, Mother of the Savior. They were originally an ELCA congregation that lost their pastor. They comprise a wide range of ethnicities and have Arab Episcopal worship. They have worshiped with Christ Church, Dearborn in both Arabic and English. They are developing a leadership team within their growing congregation. The budget for the ministry is currently short by \$26,000 to \$28,000; they will make a grant request in June but they may not need the funding if a grant from the Episcopal Church comes through.

8:32 pm – Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00pm	Full Business Meeting (staff visits: McLaughlin, Travis)	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI