

The Diocesan Council
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan



June 22, 2019 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, MI
Full Business Meeting – APPROVED Minutes

Council Members Present:, Askari Asante, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Steve Chisholm, Steven Domienik, Anthony Estes, Claudia Hamlin, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Shirley Lappi, Linda MacDonald, Imogen Rhodenhiser, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Diana Walworth, Roger Weekes, Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary)

Council Members Absent: Bill Stech (excused), Winfred Mandody (excused), Katie Oppenheim (excused)

Diocesan Staff: Bishop Wendell N. Gibbs (Chair, excused), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer), Anna Stania (Director of Communications), Jo Ann Hardy (Canon Administrator), Nancy McLaughlin (Ministry Developer), Eric Travis (Missioner for Youth and Young Adult Ministry)

10:00 – Morning Worship led by Dean Paul Castelli

Roll Call – quorum

Agenda – accepted as written

Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2019

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

Communications to Council – none

Executive Committee Action – none

Special Orders of Business

- **Opportunity Resource Fund Presentation** – DeAmo Murphy, Dir. External Affairs and Investor Relations, reviewed a handout. Christine Coady Narayanan, President & CEO, answered questions. The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan is the second largest investor in the Fund. Discussion ensued concerning adding an Episcopalian to the Board. Canon Hardy will follow up.
- **Program Staff Presentations**
Nancy McLaughlin and Eric Travis each presented an overview of the work for which they are responsible.

Bishop's Update – Bishop Gibbs is in Scotland on behalf of the Presiding Bishop

Property Report

Canon Hardy presented a written report.

1. The Property of St. Philip's/St. Stephen's, Detroit (Victory Fellowship): Recommendation to extend their land contract for an additional 3 years at the interest rate of 4%. The balance is now \$88,587. The

original purchase price in April 2010 was \$250,000. Further request to assist congregation in becoming current by moving one payment to the end of contract, and adding that month's interest to the outstanding loan balance. *Motion made and properly seconded to approve this recommendation. Motion passed.*

2. The Property of St. Mark's, Detroit (Rushing Mighty Wind): Recommendation to extend their land contract for an additional 3 years at 4% interest. The principal balance outstanding is \$128,805.11. The original purchase price of this property was \$290,000 in June 2007. There were addendums extending the land contract in 2010, 2013 and 2016. Payment consistently on time, 1,200 per month. *Motion made and properly seconded to approve this recommendation. Motion passed.*

LPPS Mission Fund Request: Canon Hardy presented a written request on behalf of Canon Gettel for funding to support Mother of the Savior, the Episcopal-Lutheran ministry led by Missioner the Rev. Halim Shukair. *Motion made and properly seconded to approve up to \$28,000 per year for 2019 and 2020. Motion passed.*

Canon Hardy presented a request from the Rev. Teresa Wakeen for permission for the Church at Crossroads to solicit funds. *Motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

Financial Report

Mark Miliotto presented a written report. *A motion was made and properly seconded to receive the Treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion passed.*

Opportunity Resource Fund Renewal:

Mark Miliotto described the renewal. A motion was made and properly seconded to renew investment 97-4-45-R19, \$200,000 at 3% for five years. *Motion passed.*

Many years ago, deaneries were given \$2500 for mission work. The Oakland Deanery (now McGehee Deanery) invested it in the Opportunity Resource Fund. The Oakland Deanery has changed to a different entity. The investment is now worth about \$2900. The current Dean, the Rev. Chris Yaw, and DeAmo Murphy from Opportunity Resource Fund contacted Mark Miliotto regarding what to do with it. Discussion ensued. Mark recommended giving it to Opportunity Resource Fund as a gift. *A motion to this effect was made and properly seconded. Motion passed.*

A bequest of about \$24,192 from the Estate of Ward Clabuesch was received. *Motion made and properly seconded to put it into the Gibbs Legacy Fund for Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Motion passed. (Teresa Wakeen abstained.)*

12:05 – 12:35 Lunch

Updates/Committee Reports

Primary Committees

Mission Budget – On behalf of the Mission Budget Committee, Mark Miliotto presented the 2020 Draft Operating Budget (120-Day). *A motion was made that the 120-Day Proposed Budget for 2020 be approved by Diocesan Council. Motion passed.*

Vital Congregations/Tithes & Offerings – Paul Castelli presented a written report for Tithes & Offerings.

Loans and Grants – Martha Hanoian presented a written report.

The committee received two applications for consideration for the bricks and mortar grant program:

1. Christ Church, Detroit is requesting \$5,200, which is the total project cost for repairs to their heating system. The congregation is current with apportionment contributions, parochial reports and audit submission. The Loans and Grants Committee's general guideline is that a congregation needs to have some of their own funds invested in a project, which is not the case for this grant application. Given these factors, the Loans and Grants Committee makes the following recommendation to Diocesan Council: That a grant in the amount of \$2,600 (50% of ask) be awarded to Christ Church, Detroit for repairs to their heating and cooling system. *Motion passed.*

2. St. Clare, Ann Arbor is requesting \$5,000 from council and \$5,000 from the Trustees for a roof replacement. The total cost of the project is 35,545. One half of the cost will be paid by Temple Beth Emeth, who shares their building. There will \$ 7,278 raised by the congregation. They had been full apportionment pledgers for many years prior, but have cut the amount in recent years due to financial distress. Audits and parochial report filings are current. Given these factors, the Loans and Grants Committee makes the following recommendation to Diocesan Council: That a grant in the amount of \$5,000 be awarded to St. Clare's, Ann Arbor for roof replacement. *Motion passed.*

Resolution Review – Judith Schellhammer presented a written report.

Secondary Committees

HR Policy Review – Canon Hardy presented a recommendation to authorize the updated handbook and disperse throughout the diocese. *Motion passed.*

Audit – Teresa Wakeen from the Audit Committee reported that the auditors encountered no problems, discrepancies, or inappropriate accounting practices and had no disagreements with management. Mark Miliotto presented the reports from the auditors. *A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the auditors' report. Motion passed.*

By-laws/Constitution & Canons – no report

Property Advisory – no report

Liaisons

Canterbury House U of M – no report

Canterbury MSU – Claudia Hamlin presented a verbal report.

Covenant V – no report

Whitaker Advisory Council – Shirley Lappi presented a written report.

Emrich Advisory Council – Steve Steinberger-Domienik presented a written report.

Youth and Young Adults – Luke Thompson presented a written report.

Executive Session

A motion was made and properly seconded to enter Executive Session. Motion passed. Session entered at 1:19 pm and ended at 1:31 pm.

Adjournment – 1:31 pm

Next Meeting:

Meeting Date & Time	Agenda/Focus	Location
Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Full Business Meeting (Budget Acceptance)	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton