



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via Conference Call on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10:00 am

In attendance:

Council Members: Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Askari Asante, Dan Buchin, Bruce Cann, Lynda Carter, Paul Castelli, Steve Chisholm, Toni Dennis, Anthony Estes, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Sandi Hite, Shirley Lappi, Linda MacDonald, Katie Oppenheim, Bill Stech, Steven Steinberger-Domienik, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Diana Walworth, Roger Weekes, Judith Schellhammer (Assistant Secretary), Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Mark Miliotto (Treasurer)

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

10:00 – Opening Prayer – Bishop Perry

Roll Call – Quorum established

Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2020 – L. MacDonald moved to approve as corrected, second by K. Oppenheim. Motion passed.

Communications to Council – none

Bishop's Update

- April apportionment and Total Ministry invoices will not be sent. Congregations asked to pay as they are able.
- The process for congregations to apply for apportionment relief is being streamlined.
- M. Miliotto presented a webinar on online giving and electronic resources. A recording is on the diocesan website.
- Church Pension Fund is offering relief on pension payments. Insurance payments can be 90 days in arrears.
- Questions regarding the diocesan response to the pandemic were entertained.
- Ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Detroit, was ended. As it was established as a diocesan mission in 2019, Council approval was not required. A. Estes will become an associate at Christ Church, Detroit, for the remainder of his curacy.

Property/Administrative Update

J. Hardy provided a written report. The Property Advisory Committee offered the following recommendation for consideration: That blanket approval be given by Council to work with each of the 13 land contract buyers, on a case by case basis, to assist them in staying in their properties. This may be accomplished by: Negotiating with land contract buyers, upon request, to move up to 3 land contract payments and interest to the end of the term of the contract. Terms to be determined by the Diocesan Administrator and the Director of Finance.

Motion to approve by P. Castelli, second by B. Stech. Motion passed.

Financial Report/Updates

M. Miliotto presented current financial reports for review and acceptance. He stated that interest on loans has been decreased to 2.75% and that April payments will not be requested. *B. Stech moved to receive Treasurer's report and file for audit, second by S. Steinberger-Domienik. Motion passed.*

Opportunity Resource Fund loan renewal – M. Miliotto described the renewal. *L. Carter moved to renew investment 97-7-45-R20, \$200,000 at 3% for five years; S. Lappi seconded. Motion passed.*

Updates/Committee Reports

Primary Committees

Mission Budget – no report

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

2020 Social Service Ministries Grants

The Loans and Grants Committee considered the twenty-six applications received, totaling \$101,117 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 made a request at the January 2020 meeting of Council to allocate \$8,064,50, (one-half) of funds dedicated to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in Council's 2020 budget in support of the Social Service Grants. This request was approved. Additionally, the generous offering from the Service of Consecration and Ordination of Bishop Perry as 11th Bishop of Michigan on February 8, 2020, was designated for the Social Service grant program. This additional \$13,567.62 was added, making the total

available for grants \$74,132.12. The Loans and Grants Committee made the following recommendations for approval:

<i>Congregation/Ministry Program</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Ann Arbor, St. Andrew's The Breakfast Program	7500	7500
Ann Arbor St. Clare's Backdoor Food Pantry	3000	2500
Ann Arbor, Canterbury Yoga Education Program	5000	4000
Belleville, Trinity Friday Fill-Up food for kids	3000	2500
Brooklyn, All Saints' Community Dinner	3500	3000
Detroit, Messiah AIM Youth program	5000	4000
Detroit, Chur. @ Crossroads Vacation Bible School	2650	2200
Detroit, Crossroads Agency Food Pantry	3000	2500
Detroit, Mariners Inn Food Pantry	3000	3000
Detroit, St. Matt & St. Joe Feeding programs	3000	2500
Detroit, St. Peter's Water distribution space support	3000	1482
Detroit, St. Peter's Laundry/shower program space	3000	0
Farmington Hills, Trinity summer program adult expense	1557	1250
Jackson, St. Paul's Soar Café and Farms Housing	3000	2500
Lincoln Park, St. Michael's After school tutoring	1500	1300
Mt. Clemens, Grace Church Community Suppers	4000	3200
Plymouth, St. John's Food Pantry	1200	1000
Pontiac, Bound Together Tutoring for children	12000	10000
Royal Oak, St. John's Open Hands Food Pantry	3000	2500
Saline, Holy Faith Paper Pantry	2000	1700
Shelby Twp., St. Luke's Paper Pantry	3000	2500
Southfield, St. Anne's Mead Support for Seniors	3000	2500
Westland, St. John's Food Pantry	1500	1200
Williamston, Forster Woods Senior Wellness	8110	7500
Wyan. Ministerial Assn. Food insecurity	1200	1000
Ypsilanti, St. Luke's Paper Pantry	1000	800
Totals	101117	74132

Follow Up for 2020 Grants: In addition to the required Grant Accounting Form, the Loans and Grants committee will request that each grant recipient follow up with program photographs, and a narrative summary of at the end of the program cycle.

K. Oppenheim moved to award the grants proposed by the Loans and Grants Committee as presented. P. Castelli seconded. Motion passed. (M. Hanoian abstained.)

Tithes & Offerings/Vital Congregations – B. Cann reviewed a written report.

Resolution Review – J. Schellhammer reviewed a written report and reminded members to share the information with their congregations.

Secondary Committees

HR Policy Review – no update

Audit – M. Miliotto reported that field work has been postponed due to the pandemic and has not been rescheduled. The Audit Committee meeting will be rescheduled accordingly.

By-Laws Constitution & Canons – no update

Liaisons

Canterbury U of M and Canterbury MSU have received a \$15,000 grant to increase numbers.

Covenant 5 – no report

Whitaker Advisory Council – S. Lappi presented a written report. Tracks 2 and 3 of Safe Church training will be available online.

Emrich Advisory Council – B. Hinkle presented an oral report.

YAYA – L. Thompson presented a written report. E. Travis and C. Gannon are holding daily Zoom meetings at noon for anyone who wants to join.

11:08 am – Prayer/Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for May 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Wakevainen

Edie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council