



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 am

*In attendance:*

**Council Members:** Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Dan Buchin, Bruce Cann, Toni Dennis, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Sandy Hite, Shirley Lappi, Karen Lewis, Bill Stech, Steven Steinberger-Domienik, Felicity Thompson, Luke Thompson, Teresa Wakeen, Roger Weekes, Alice Sawyer, Judith Schellhammer (Assisting Secretary), Cleda Smartt, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary)

**Diocesan Staff:** Jo Ann Hardy (Canon to the Ordinary), Mark Miliotto (Canon for Finance), Anna Stania (Director of Communications)

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**Opening Prayer – Bishop Perry**

**Acceptance of Agenda – Edie Wakevainen**

Add Audit Committee report following Financial Reports. Moved by Bruce Cann, seconded by Judith Schellhammer. Motion passed.

**Bishop Perry's Update**

Topics addressed: staff updates, relational meetings with state and local government officials, community organizing training, Sr. Vee's telephone/online ministry, meetings with leaders of other Michigan dioceses

**A Conversation & Small Group Discussion on Bishop Perry's Vision and Goals for our Ministry together**

Questions for Consideration: What do you see as the most important role for Diocesan Council? What areas touch your heart?

**Review of Financial Reports – Mark Miliotto**

Mark reviewed the financial reports to date. He will bring final reports for 2020 to the March meeting. Many congregations got PPP loans for 2.5 months of payroll expenses. The forgiveness program has begun. The forgiven portions will be operating income, included on line 5 of the parochial report. The line 5 figure

feeds into diocesan assessment formula. Teresa Wakeen moved to exclude from the diocesan assessment formula those amounts representing forgiven PPP loans; Bill Stech seconded. Motion passed. Bishop Perry noted Toni Dennis's special expertise with Zoom functions.

**Audit Committee Report – Mark Miliotto**

One finding: Documentation for one bequest was missing. Auditor reminded committee of how fortunate we are to have Mark doing this work. Motion to receive the report passed.

**Mission Budget Committee Report – Mark Miliotto**

Process was altered due to pandemic. Mission Budget Committee moved to present the 2021 Proposed Budget to Council for approval. Motion passed.

**Property/Administrative Update – Jo Ann Hardy**

Monthly payments on many land contracts are behind due to pandemic. Jo Ann stays in contact with them and is not worried.

Property of Trinity, Detroit closed for sale in a land contract on January 13, 2021.

In April 2020, the rector of St. Cyprian's, Detroit retired. They have had no worship since the pandemic. In late December, the vestry inquired about process for closing. They need to separate the building from the congregation. Jo Ann proposed that the diocese take over maintenance of the physical plant of St Cyprian's, Detroit immediately. Karen Lewis moved; Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

**Loans and Grants Committee Action Item – Felicity Thompson**

The Loans and Grants Committee reviewed an application for a grant from St. James', Dexter for the repair of a sewer line. The total project amount is \$21,256. The congregation is seeking a total of \$15,000 in grants, one half from each the Diocesan Council and the Trustees of the Diocese. The Loans and Grants Committee moves that a grant in the amount of \$7,500 be awarded to St. James', Dexter for the sewer project. Motion passed.

**Approval of November 2020 Minutes – Edie Wakevainen**

Steve Steinberger-Domienik moved to approve as corrected. Shirley Lappi seconded. Motion passed.

**Acceptance of Council Member's Resignation – Edie Wakevainen**

Paul Castelli has accepted a call to a parish in NC and must resign from Council. Shirley Lappi moved that we accept with gratitude his contributions to Council over the years, especially in the Tithes and Offerings reports. Toni Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

**2021 Committee Assignments – Edie Wakevainen**

A list of committee assignments was distributed. Staff liaisons will contact committee members.

**Ratification of Executive Committee Action – Edie Wakevainen**

Council voted to ratify the action of the Executive Committee to approve the 2021 Clergy Compensation Guidelines. Martha Hanoian moved to have the Executive Committee act on the recommendations of the Loans and Grants Committee regarding the Covenant 5 grants. Steve Domienik seconded. Motion passed.

Council members recognized the one-year anniversary of Bishop Perry's ordination and consecration, upcoming on February 8.

**Closing Prayer – Bishop Perry**

**Next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,

*Edie Wakevainen*

Edie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council