



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

At St. John’s, Plymouth on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10:00 AM

In attendance:

Council Members: Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Jenny Ritter, Gwyneth Dugliss, Jamie Taylor, Judith Schellhammer (assisting secretary), Shirley Lappi, Bruce Hinkle, Halim Shukair, Clea Smartt, Luke Thompson, Lynn Wiggins, RaeLee Baxter, Maryjane Peck

Diocesan Staff: Mark Miliotto (Treasurer, Canon for Finance)

Chancellor: Steve Ott (ex-officio)

Absent: Jo Ann Hardy (Canon to the Ordinary), Chris Harris, Greg Wortley, Emily Williams Guffey, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary)

Opening Prayer - Bishop Perry

Acceptance of Agenda – Judith Schellhammer

Bishop Perry’s Update

Council Discussion Time – Sharing of events or programs that touched our hearts in the 2022-23 Council year

Discussion of 2024 Proposed Operating Budget – Mission Budget Committee and Mark Miliotto

The Committee’s motion to approve this budget was seconded. Motion passed. Thanks to Mission Budget for their thorough work.

Consideration of New Ministry Grants – Mark Miliotto

Mother of the Savior, Dearborn - \$28,000 A motion to approve this grant was made and seconded. Motion passed with Halim Shukair abstaining.

The Church at Crossroads, Detroit - \$20,000 A motion to approve this grant was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Opportunity Resource Fund Renewal – Mark Miliotto

A motion was made and properly seconded to renew investment 97-1-45-R23, \$184,752.74 at 3% for five years. Motion passed.

A motion was made and properly seconded to renew investment 97-5-45-R23, \$200,000 at 3% for five years. Motion passed.

Review of Financial Report – Mark Miliotto

Motion to receive the reports and file for audit was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Loans and Grants Committee - Action Items – Shirley Lappi, Committee Chair

The Loans and Grants Committee reviewed the applications, and all supporting documents (bids, financial reports, recent audit, and more!) for each request, and moved that:

(1) A grant in the amount of \$10,000 and a loan in the amount of \$26,000 be awarded to St. Philip's, Rochester for their roof repair project. The terms of the loan and the promissory note will be negotiated with the appropriate members of the bishop's staff. Motion seconded and passed.

(2) A grant in the amount of \$8,800 be awarded to St. Peter's, Hillsdale to complete the painting of the exterior of the church. Motion seconded and passed.

(3) A grant in the amount of \$10,000 be awarded to All Saints, East Lansing for their solar panel project. Distribution of funds will take place after receipt of the audit report. Motion seconded and passed.

Ratification of Executive Committee Action – Bishop Perry

The Executive Committee Action was the ratification of the Diocesan Convention timeline. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of January 2023 Minutes – Judith Schellhammer

Minutes approved as amended.

Closing Prayer – Bishop Perry

Lunch and Visit to St. John's House (former rectory being renovated to provide housing for immigrant families)

Upcoming Meeting of Diocesan Council

Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. - Zoom