



Approved Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 10:00 AM

In attendance:

Council Members: Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Karen Lewis, Jenny Ritter, Greg Wortley, Emily Williams Guffey, Gwyneth Dugliss, Jamie Taylor, Jenny Ritter, Judith Schellhammer (assisting secretary), Katie Walworth, Chris Harris, Shirley Lappi, Bruce Hinkle, Halim Shukair, Cleda Smartt, Luke Thompson, Edie Wakevainen (secretary), Lynn Wiggins

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

Chancellor: Steve Ott (ex-officio)

Absent: RaeLee Baxter, Jo Ann Hardy (Canon to the Ordinary), Maryjane Peck

Opening Prayer & Welcome - Bishop Perry

Bishop Perry's Report to Council

Diocesan Council Discussion (Small Groups) – 2023 Goals & Projects

What touches your heart? What do you see as your role as a member of Diocesan Council?

Safe Church Policy Acceptance – Edie Wakevainen

Reminder to review the current [Safe Church Policy](#) and signify your intentions here [Safe Church Policy Acceptance Form](#). Contact Carmen Piggins for assistance with the classes.

Review of Financial Reports - Mark Miliotto

Canon Miliotto shared highlights from the year. He will have final numbers at the next meeting, and Council will receive these reports then.

2021 Audit Review - Mark Miliotto and Members of the Audit Committee

The Committee moved to receive these reports; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from November 2022 – Edie Wakevainen

Karen Lewis moved to approve; Judith Schellhammer seconded. Motion passed.

Communication to Diocesan Council – Letter from Holy Faith, Saline

Ratification of Executive Committee Actions: Bishop Perry & Mark Miliotto

- 1) On December 17, 2022, the Executive Committee of Diocesan Council unanimously approved a loan for Church of the Incarnation, Ann Arbor, as follows:

Be it resolved:

That the Diocesan Council extend a loan in the amount of \$150,000 to Church of the Incarnation, Ann Arbor, to assist with financial needs as recovery efforts take place following an embezzlement of funds. Final terms of the loan will be negotiated after the results of the recovery effort have become clear.

This action was ratified, with Jamie Taylor abstaining.

- 2) On December 6, 2022, the Executive Committee of Diocesan Council affirmed the Standing Committee's recommendation for a 4% COLA adjustment for the bishop.

Be it resolved:

That the Diocesan Council affirm the Standing Committee's recommendation for a COLA increase in the amount of 4% for the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, effective January 1, 2023; and that the increase includes any adjustments necessary to reflect changes in pension contribution.*

This action was ratified.

Closing Prayer – Steve Ott