



**APPROVED** Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM

*In attendance:*

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

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

**Excused:** Bruce Cann

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**Opening Prayer** – Bishop Perry

**Acceptance of Agenda** – Edie Wakevainen

**Bishop’s Update** – ELCA Bishop Don Kress has asked us to partner with them in supporting a campus minister who would serve at Wayne State University, University of Michigan—Dearborn, and Henry Ford College. The commitment would be \$18,000 per year for five years. We would evaluate at the three-year point. The funds would come from the proceeds from endowment in the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Fund, estimated now to be \$36,000 per year. We can offer office space at the Diocesan Center. Discussion followed. Teresa Wakeen moved to approved, and Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

**Review of Financial Reports** – Canon Miliotto presented the financial reports. Karen Lewis moved to accept the reports and file them for audit; Toni Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of 2022 Draft Budget** – Canon Miliotto presented the 2022 Draft Budget on behalf of the Mission Budget Committee. Motion passed.

## **Property/Administrative Updates – Canon Hardy**

1. Diocesan Convention – October 22/23, 2021 Friday will be virtual. Voting will be virtual. Saturday will meet in person at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. It will be livestreamed. All voting clergy are expected to be present in person on Saturday unless excused by Bishop Perry.

Timeline for 2021:

### **July 15, 2021**

Certification of Lay Delegates forms are due. (*Canon 1.1.1.2.2*)

### **July 15, 2021**

Resolutions Funded by Budget and Resolutions Funded by Solicitation are due to the Secretary of Convention and to the Diocesan Council.

### **July 24, 2021** (*or before*)

Availability of 2022 Proposed Budget, Draft Budget for 2023 and the Congregational Commitment Form for 2022 (*Canon 2.4.2.2*)

### **September 1, 2021**

Proposed resolutions to diocesan convention are due to the Secretary of Convention. [secretaryofconvention@edomi.org](mailto:secretaryofconvention@edomi.org)

### **September 1, 2021**

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons are due to the Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. [constitutionsandcanons@edomi.org](mailto:constitutionsandcanons@edomi.org)

### **September 10, 2021**

Nomination Forms for elective office are due. (Standing Committee, Cathedral Chapter, Commission on Ministry, Trustees, Disciplinary Board) [nominatingcommittee@edomi.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@edomi.org) *Note: the Petition Nomination Process will be suspended for this year*)

### **September 10, 2021**

Congregational Commitment forms for 2022 due in the Finance Office (*Canon 2.4.2.3*)

### **September 22, 2021** (*30 days prior to convention*)

Convention packets available to lay and clergy delegates: 2022 Proposed Budget, 2023 Draft Budget and Reports of the Committees on Reference, Nominations and Elections and Constitution and Canons.

Judith Schellhammer moved to approve this timeline; seconded by Shirley Lappi. Motion passed.

2. Canon Hardy presented the Building Wellness Program. It will be funded by the Trustees and Diocesan Council. Pilot program will target congregations that ask for grants. Steve Steinberger-Domienik moved to approve the program and provide the requested \$10,000 funding; Sandy Hite seconded Motion passed.

**Loans and Grants Committee** – Felicity Thompson moved the approval of the 2021 Social Services Ministries grant program (\$53,000 to be allocated) as follows:

- The grant application process will open on June 17, 2021 (will be shared in the Weekly Connection eblast. Previous grant recipients will also be contacted)
- Applications will be due on July 31, 2021
- Members of the Loans and Grants committee will meet via Zoom in early August to make grant allocations

The Loans and Grants Committee proposed that the Executive Committee of Diocesan Council approve the grants, given the full body of Council does not meet again until September 18, 2021. Steve Steinberger-Domienik moved to approve; Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

**Emrich Retreat Center** – Steve Steinberger-Domienik

Emrich Advisory Board agreed to partially open the Center again in July. Caretakers have been working to get it ready. Because buildings have been dormant, they will allocate \$6000 from adopt-a-room fund to support a deep cleaning. Building 4 has had to be closed for this season due to water damage.

**Approval of Minutes** – Edie Wakevainen

Judith Schellhammer moved to accept the May minutes as amended. Toni Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

**Closing Prayer** – Bishop Perry

Respectfully submitted,

*Edie Wakevainen*

Edie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council