



APPROVED Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM

In attendance:

Council Members: Rae Lee Baxter, Dan Buchin, Martha Hanoian, Bruce Hinkle, Shirley Lappi, Karen Lewis, Alice Sawyer, Clea Smartt, Bill Stech, Steven Steinberger-Domienik, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary), Katie Walworth, Roger Weekes, Lynn Wiggins, Emily Williams Guffey

Diocesan Staff: Jo Ann Hardy (Canon to the Ordinary), Mark Miliotto (Canon for Finance)

Absent: Bishop Bonnie A. Perry, Toni Dennis, Judith Schellhammer (Assisting Secretary), Halim Shukair, Luke Thompson

Note: Council Dean Alice Sawyer led the meeting; Bishop Perry's was absent because of Postulancy Weekend.

Opening Prayer – Alice Sawyer

Acceptance of Agenda – Edie Wakevainen

Shirley Lappi moved to approve, and Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

Communications to Council – Jo Ann Hardy

Canon Hardy presented a letter addressed to Council from the Standing Committee, in which they write the following: "The Standing Committee recommends that a COLA increase in the amount of 2% be incorporated into the 2022 operating budget of the Diocese of Michigan for the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, retroactive to January 1, 2022; and that the increase include any adjustments necessary to reflect changes in pension contribution."

Review of Financial Reports – Mark Miliotto

Canon Miliotto presented the following:

1. Action Item: Recap of 2021 – Budget Surplus

It was proposed that, from the \$288,000 surplus, each congregation will receive a refund of 1/12 of their 2021 apportionment payment (for a total of \$133,000), \$50,000 will be designated for the College for Congregational Development program, and \$50,000 will be designated as seed money for the diocese's "50 Days for Ukraine" initiative. Dan Buchin so moved, and Rae Lee Baxter seconded. Motion passed, with Karen Lewis abstaining,

2. Year to Date Finances

3. Action Item: 2022 Budget Revision

After a review of changes in expenses and income since the first of the year, it was proposed that \$12,500 be added to both Income and Expenses in the 2022 Budget. Cleda Smartt so moved, and Martha Hanoian seconded. Motion passed.

Investment Update – Mark Miliotto reported that the Trustees of the Diocese divested of all investments in Russian assets in the Growth and Income Fund in response to Russia's action with regard to Ukraine.

Property/Administrative Updates – Canon Hardy presented the following updates on Congregations:

1. Christ the King, Taylor – Council voted by email to accept their request to close the church. The Celebration of Ministry and Closing Service is scheduled for May 1 at 5:00 pm.
2. St. Elizabeth's, Redford – Celebration of Ministry and Closing Service is scheduled for June 12 at 3:00 pm.

Loans and Grants Committee – Reminder that Social Service Ministries Grant applications are due on April 15.

Additional Committee Items – none

Approval of January 2022 Minutes – Rae Lee Baxter moved to approve, and Shirley Lappi seconded. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer – Alice Sawyer

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Wakevainen

Eddie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council