



**APPROVED** Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting

Via ZOOM/Conference Call on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:00 AM

*In attendance:*

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

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

**Excused:** Martha Hanoian, Alice Sawyer, Teresa Wakeen, Edie Wakevainen (Secretary)

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**Opening Prayer** – Bishop Perry

**Acceptance of Agenda** – Sandy Hite moved to approve, and Roger Weekes seconded. Motion passed.

**Bishop's Update** – A conversation about Convention was held. Topics included having the Friday session as hybrid and Saturday in person or having it all virtual. The question of losing money is a moot point. Bishop Perry will make the final decision by September 22. Anna Stania, Director of Communications, is leaving to pursue her MBA in advance of a move to Germany. She will be missed. It is possible that the role will be reconfigured. The Downriver Deanery and Trustees did a planned giving workshop. They covered how to facilitate the transfer of wealth and what legacy we want to leave. There will be more to come, including videos of stories. Which deaneries will do it next? The Bishop presided at St. Cyprian's last service on September 12. "Fierce Conversations" begins September 23 and runs for four weeks, meeting Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

**Review of Financial Reports** – Canon Miliotto presented the financial reports. Dan Buchin moved to accept the reports and file them for audit; Steve Steinberger-Domienik seconded. Motion passed.

*Action Item:* To renew our \$200,000 investment in the non-profit international social services organization Shared Interest at a rate of 0.7% for 5 years, effective October 1, 2021. Bruce Cann moved to approve, and Karen Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of 2022 Draft Budget** – Canon Miliotto presented the 2022 Draft Budget on behalf of the Mission Budget Committee. Shirley Lappi moved to approve, and Bruce Cann seconded. Motion passed.

**Property/Administrative Updates** – Canon Hardy

1. St. John's, Royal Oak, has requested an additional loan of \$100,000 for building renovation. Cleda Smartt moved to approve, and Shirley Lappi seconded. Motion passed.
2. The Church at Crossroads fundraising appeal letter. Sandy Hite moved to approve, and Bruce Hinkle seconded. Motion passed.

**Recognition of Those Leaving Diocesan Council**

Bruce Cann, Teresa Wakeen, Felicity Thompson, and Luke Thompson will finish their terms at Diocesan Convention this year. Bill Stech moved to thank them for their service, and Cleda Smartt seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of June Minutes**

Dan Buchin moved to approve the June minutes. Karen Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

**Ratification of Executive Committee Action**

Karen Lewis moved the approval of Executive Committee's action to approve the Social Service grants as put forth by the Loans and Grants Committee. Motion passed.

**Closing Prayer** – The Rev. Karen Lewis

Respectfully submitted,

*Edie Wakevainen*

Edie Wakevainen, Secretary, Diocesan Council (with deep appreciation to The Rev. Judith Schellhammer for her meeting notes)