

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Gethsemane Cathedral, Fargo
August 18-19, 2017

Present: Bishop Michael Smith, Terry Overbo, Carmine Goodhouse, Julie Helgaas, Brandon Mauai, Duffy Williams, Linda Hokana, Christie Iverson, Paul Zaharia, Mary Johnson, Dan Rice, Kristin Koch, Robert Fox, John Floberg, Canon Zanne Ness (non- voting), Leisha Woltjer (non-voting), Christian Senyoni (non-voting).

Absent: Mike Reinhart, Don Henderson, Elaine McLaughlin, Duane Fox, Michael Paul, Jim Shannon.

Guests: John Baird, Leo Wilking, John Tillotson, Beth Lipp

Roll Call, a quorum (14/20) was established

A video conference was conducted with the Council and representatives of DFMS to discuss the Diocesan Investment Funds. John Tillotson representing Morgan-Stanley then presented information to the Council on PIF and Diocesan Investment Funds.

A discussion followed but action was deferred until Saturday morning.

Closing Prayer and the meeting was recessed.

Saturday, August 19, 2017.

8:30 am Morning Prayer.

Roll Call was taken and the agenda adopted

Julie Helgaas moved to place the Diocesan Investment Funds with Morgan-Stanley, Linda Hokana seconded. Discussion followed. A secret ballot was conducted. Motion failed (10-4).

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted.

Robert Fox, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report. The Finance Committee's recommendation to accept the Widmer Roel audit proposal was accepted. John Floberg moved the 2017 remaining unused funds for the Ft. Yates assisting priest (line 119) be placed in a reserve account for the rectory. Carmine Goodhouse seconded, approved. John Floberg moved acceptance of the Financial report. Carmine Goodhouse seconded, approved.

Robert Fox presented the 2018 Budget proposal. Discussion followed. The 2018 Budget proposal was accepted and sent to the Diocesan Convention 2017.

John Floberg reported on the Standing Committee's recommendation to deny Minot's request to sell All Saints rectory. (John said to look at the Standing Committees minutes for correct wording)

Mary Johnson presented the Proposed Policy for the Use of Alcohol at Diocesan or Congregational-Sponsored Activities or Functions. John Floberg amended the policy to read (#2) second sentence. The ONLY exception to serving alcohol to or by minors is during the administration of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Christie Iverson moved acceptance, second by Terry Overbo. Motion carried.

Mary Johnson reported on Diocesan Convention Youth Activities.

Pre-Convention meetings:

Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 am, St. George's, Bismarck (Treas. Report: ???)

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2pm, Grace, Jamestown (Treas. Report: ???)

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2pm, St. Paul's, Grand Forks (Treas. Report: ???)

The Bishop will ask the Finance Committee to furnish presenters.

Bishop Smith reported on Diocesan Convention Elections & Appointments

UTO Coordinators. Margaret Zaharia will be asked to Chair.

Project Resource. Four people have indicated interest in attending: Mark Strobel, Mytch Dorvilier, Robert Fox and Julie Helgaas.

Dallas Mission Grants. The Bishop gave an overview of the Grants and Diocesan needs.

Sustainability Grants. John Floberg reported that a demo on a solar furnace will be presented at Standing Rock for possible use by St. Luke's. The excavator is succeeding and there is the possibility of training others to use it. South Dakota has hired a Youth Minister and Ft. Totten has a possible candidate.

Update on North Dakota/South Dakota Diocesan Convention Resolution. John Floberg reported that he is having difficulty scheduling meetings. Those could perhaps be scheduled during the South Dakota and North Dakota Diocesan Conventions.

Zanne Ness reported on Commission on Ministry

Next meeting: November 17-18, 2017 at Grace, Jamestown

11:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned

Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Lunch was served

Julie Helgaas

Secretary