

Diocesan Council Meeting
via Zoom
July 30, 2024

Present: Donna Pettit, Robert Fox, Kim Fox, Elsie Magnus, Stephanie Garcia, Beth Lipp, Susan Lisok, Bishop Brian Thom, Tammy Enockson, John Baird, Leo Wilking, Amy Morrow, Robert Hoekstra, John Anderson, John Floberg, Jason Thoms, Elaine McLaughlin, Jessica Krzewina

Absent: JoAnn Keehn, Mark Strobel, George Abdilnour, Rachel Schmidt

Opening Business

- At roughly 7:00 pm Bishop Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on chaplain Tammy Enockson to open with prayer.
- Respectful Guidelines reviewed
- John Anderson volunteered to be the recorder for this meeting
- Review of previous Action Items
 1. Acquire Line of Credit: *currently coordinating on going to the bank with signers*
 2. Revisit funds for Missioner position: *hold until Oct/Nov*
 3. Real Estate Fund: *see new policy and notes from Leo Wilking*
 - *new policy goes into effect in the New Year
 - *the new policy was discussed at length
 4. Recruitment for Property Management Advisory Group & Real Estate Advisory Group: *ongoing*
 5. Report by Steve Godfrey: *we have the documents*
 6. Announce Bishop Diocesan Search process: *Todd Ousley will join our September meeting to show us options*
 7. Frequency of Council Meetings: *ongoing discussion*
 8. Canonical change for voting privileges of canonically resident clergy: *revisit in September meeting*
- Motion to accept the Minutes from the May 2023 meeting submitted by Tammy Enockson
 - Motion by Robert Hoekstra; Donna Pettit second
 - Motion passed

Financial Business

- Bishop Brian called on Amy Morrow to review YTD finances thru June
- Motion to accept Finance Report as presented
 - Motion by Beth Lipp; Susan Lisok second
 - Motion passed

Reports

- Diocesan Administrator – Jessica Krzewina submitted a written report
- Missioner for Reconciliation, Creation Care and Cong Ministry- Kim Fox submitted a written report
- Diocesan Minister – Steve Godfrey submitted a written report
- Reconciliation Committee – Stephanie Garcia submitted a written report
- Bishop – verbal report
 - Attended General Convention which was educational and edifying as well as being a time of reunion. There were important elections most notably the election of the new Presiding Bishop Sean Roe
 - Valley City has two members and has requested to dissolve the congregation. There will be a resolution at Convention.

Proposed Budget

- DSS has now dropped therefore less revenue
- Missioner position is in the budget
- The hope is to elect a resident bishop by 2026
- Oil wells are doing well
- Leaving out WoDakota; using that money for a specific project
- John Floberg noted that the General Convention grant will be higher
- Insurance rates come out on August 29th, how does that impact the Resolution from General Convention?
- LINE 2030: Province VI assessment for whole year goes to treasurer of the Province and hasn't changed in many years
- Diocesan Administrator's travel budget has changed due to Jessica's move to St. Cloud
- Diocesan Missioner annotation for White Shield & Dunseith (formerly a part of NW ministry) has moved to Missioner position to indicate how things have shifted
- Bookkeeper salary increased due to involvement in the audit
- All Missioner salaries have been adjusted with COLA increase
- LINE 3000: 6,000 for moves which is a bit on the low side
- Sacramental support for St. John's Moorhead comes from designated funds
- Expenses are about \$120,000 over revenue due in part to the decrease in DSS. Note not all positions in the budget have been filled.
- Draft 3 is coming
- Question from a Council member whether we can afford a resident Bishop, a Diocesan Missioner as well as a Missioner for Youth and Young Adult.
- Question from a Council member about how many budgets we are preparing – one year or two?
- Both question sparked significant debate and due to the hour this conversation was pushed to the September meeting when we are together in Minot

Chaplain Tammy Enockson closed in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 20-21, 2024 (in-person) **Minot**
- November 22-23 (in-person) **Jamestown**