

**Diocesan Council**

**October 19, 2017**

**Attendance: Bishop Bill Franklin, Cathy Dempsey-Sims, Maria Manocchio, Carl Otis, Bob Matson, Liz Brauza-Hughes, Wendy Palmer, Wayne Blassingame, Pat Bradley, Bruce Davidson, Cheri Maytum-Krull, Judy Elliott (Sec.)**

- 1) Opening Prayer – Bishop Bill Franklin**
- 2) Approval of Sept. 21, 2017 minutes - approved with one correction.**
- 3) Bishop's time:**
  - **Bishop Bill thanked Liz for chairing meetings in his absence**
  - **Great time on his sabbatical**
  - **Pre-season gatherings for Convention going well**
  - **Compression Days between DWNY and DWPA being scheduled**
  - **Diocesan Convention – October 27 and 28, 2017, Marriot Hotel on Millersport Highway in Amherst**
  - **Diocesan Council terms end for Carl Otis, and Colleen O'Connor. Cheri will run again, as well as new Nominees: Lillian Davis-Wilson, Bonnie Morris, Reid Hefner, and Sue Stanislawski**
- 4) Sub-committee reports: Bruce handed out a report on church outreach programs, 20 parishes responding. Food pantries and soup kitchens are most common. Parishes should review their outreach activities yearly. A suggestion was made to have this handout on Outreach table at Convention, and encourage parishes to respond. Bruce, Wendy, and Wayne to prepare this for Convention. Cathy reported on Connections, mentioning that new training classes may be held for Treasurers and Audit Committees. These will be set up through COM.**
- 5) Finance Report – Carl – both narrative budget and online budget are in agreement. Maria presented the financial report through Sept. 30, 2017. Credential report for 2017 – Maria passed out most recent report on those parishes delinquent in handing in Parochial Reports and Audits, and those not meeting this Full Share. Colleen moved, and Liz seconded a motion that the names of these parishes not in compliance be read aloud.**

Carried.

- 6) **Collaborative Ministry Grant** – Explained by Pat Bradley with documents signed by St. Peter’s Niagara Falls and YWCA of the Niagara Frontier. The amount of the grant to be issued by Council has been discussed in the past under a different heading. St. Peter’s will raise \$27,000. to remodel their kitchen. A motion was made by Carl to approve the release of previous funding in the amount of \$10,000. which has been held in “escrow” pending the submission of this application by St.’ Peter’s, NF. Seconded by Cheri, and carried (one abstention from Pat Bradley).
- 7) **New Business** – Carl Otis thanked the Diocesan Council for all the years he has been part of this group. The Bishop thanked both Carl and Colleen for their years of service.
- 8) **Closing prayer by Bishop Franklin**
- 9) **Adjournment at 6:55 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Elliott, Secretary  
Diocesan Council