

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2018 6PM

ATTENDANCE: Wayne Blassingame, Elizabeth Brauza-Hughes (Vice-Chair)

Bruce Davidson, Reid Heffner, Cheryl Maytum-Krull, Bonnie Morris, Wendy Palmer, Andrew Schule, Sue Stanislawski, Barbara Gray, Cathy Dempesy-Sims, Maria Manocchio, Robert Matson, Judy Elliott (Clerk).

OPENING PRAYER – led by Liz in the Bishop’s absence

INTRODUCTIONS - everyone introduced themselves by name and parish

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Bruce moved, and Wendy seconded the approval of the October 2017 minutes – carried. The December 2017 minutes were accepted by the membership as recorded.

BISHOP’SREPORT/CANON CATHY DEMPESEY-SIMS – Cathy reported in Bishop Franklin’s absence as he was in Columbia, SC at the “All Our Children” planning conference with Vicki Zust:

- Ascension Church Project – delayed another year after being brought to the Buffalo Common Council on 1/9/18.
- Explorer’s Day – January 20, 2018
- Vestry-Wardens Day – February 24, 2018
- Transitions report: St. Paul’s Cathedral to post position for Dean by mid-February; other parishes are at various points in the process: Trinity, Fredonia, Good Shepherd, Buffalo, St. Philip’s, Buffalo, St. John’s -Grace, Buffalo, Trinity, Hamburg, St. Peter’s, NF, St. Simon’s Buffalo, and St. Paul’s, Springville.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- Vice-Chair: nominated and elected was Liz Brauza-Hughes M/S/Carried
- Secretary (diff. position than Clerk): nominated was Bruce Davidson M/S/Carried
- Rep. to Finance Comm. and Full Share Comm. are appointments which will be made by Bishop Franklin.

WHAT IS AHEAD FOR US:

Vestry Warden day is February 24th, 2018 beginning at 9AM:

- **Schedule is as follows:**
- **Plenary session**

- **Webhosting – 11-12 Noon – Liz Brauza-Hughes**
Title IV Disciplinary Canon – 11-12Noon Vicki Zust
Smart Building Management – 11-12Noon St. Luke’s Jamestown presenting

- **Lunch**

- **Planned Giving and Legacy Society – 1-2PM Luke Fudor**
Mutual Ministry Review – 1-2PM Cathy Dempsey-Sims
How the Church works – 1-2PM Vicki Zust

- **Facebook Advertising – 2:15-3:15PM Vicki Zust**
Licensed Lay Ministry- 2:15-3:15PM Cathy Dempsey-Sims
Full Share Process – 2:15-3:15 Karen Gengo and Maria Manocchio

All info. will be on Postings.

AD – HOC GROUPS:

- **Partnership – discussion led by Cathy within the group**
- **Transition Grants – discussion led by Liz**
More to be reported at the Feb. 15th meeting.

THE PARTNERSHIP -Cathy reported that this may become an Ad-Hoc committee of Diocesan Council. We will need members to work on a yearly campaign to raise funds and review grant requests.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Maria Manocchio reporting

- Housing for Bishop Franklin – made, seconded, approved
- Housing for Cathy Dempsey-Sims – made, seconded, approved
(Bruce will need to sign these resolutions as the Secretary)
- 12 month financial statement – showed a slight deficit of \$92.62! The books for 2017 are now closed.
- 2018 BUDGET – Maria will present changes to Council in February: There is a deficit of \$26,000. Need to allocate \$20,000. For Transition Grants
- . Council will need to vote on changes to this budget.
- 2019 BUDGET – The Finance and Budget Com. begins work on this in March.

OTHER MATTERS: General Convention meets in July in Austin, Texas

Diocesan Council will need to assist the Nominating Committee to find qualified people to run for diocesan offices.

No further business or discussions, Liz led the Diocesan Council in the Lord's Prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM with a motion by Wendy, and a second by Bruce – Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Elliott,

Clerk of the Diocesan Council