

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**APRIL 20, 2017 – 6PM**

**ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Brauza-Hughes, (Vice Chair), Cathy Dempsey-Sims, Carl Otis, Charlie Ohi, Wendy Palmer, Sheri Maytum-Krull, Wayne Blessingame, Pat Bradley, Bob Matson, Vicki Zust, Maria Manocchio, and Judy Elliott, Sec.**

- 1. Opening prayer was led by Liz Brauza-Hughes, Vice Chairperson**
- 2. Approval of minutes – A motion was made by Carl seconded by Sheri to accept the minutes as presented. Carried.**
- 3. Sub-committee reports:**
  - Connections – no report at this time**
  - Outreach – Wayne – 19 surveys were turned in at Wardens and Vestry Day as concerns what parishes are doing for outreach.**
  - General Convention Resolutions – Charlie – no report at this time**
  - Trustees – Bob Matson – recap of the Ellicottville inheritance**
  - Finance meeting – Carl – set for May 3, 2017 at 1:30PM.**
- 4. Finance report – Maria Manocchio - first quarter summary sheets were passed out, with Maria reviewing the expenses and revenues. Carl moved, and Sheri seconded the approval of the financial**
- 5. Sub-committee meetings – none further scheduled**
- 6. Old Business – report on the meeting with St. Mark's North Tonawanda. Wendy reported on this meeting, with Liz, Charlie and Bruce also in attendance. Open discussion was held with the Vestry about their**

**rejection of the \$10,000 grant by Diocesan Council. Issues were aired, as well as concerns for safety discussed.**

**Meanwhile, Pat Bradley reported on the progress St. Peter's, Niagara Falls, is making in renovating their kitchen with the goal in mind of hosting the summer "Y" program.**

**7. New Business –**

- **a. Report on budget process – Carl Otis – finance and budget committee will meet May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30PM to work on the 2018 diocesan budget; then bring the finished budget to Diocesan Council at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carl mentioned that only two requests been received for funding.**
- **b. Letter from Trinity, Buffalo – Bob Matson - shared a letter from Trinity, Buffalo resulting from Bishop Bill's meeting with the Rector and Wardens on March 2, 2017. The matter of Trinity's pledge will be turned over to the Full Share Committee for further attention.**

**As a closing prayer, we all joined in the Lord's Prayer.**

**Motion to adjourn by Carl, second by Wendy, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judy Elliott**

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**Secretary to Diocesan Council**