

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MARCH 16, 2017

6:00pm

ATTENDANCE: Bishop Bill Franklin, Liz Brauza-Hughes, Bruce Davidson, Isaac Ihiasota, Cheryl Maytum-Krull, Colleen O'Connor, Carl Otis, Wendy Palmer, Vicki Zust, Maria Manocchio, Robert Matson, and Judy Elliott (Sec.)

1. Opening prayer - led by Bishop Franklin with special intentions for Pete and Cathy Dempsey-Sims
2. Minutes of Feb. 16, 2017 – Liz moved second by Sheri to accept – Carried.
3. **Bishop's Opening remarks** –
 - Thanks for Warden and Vestry day and the participation of Council
 - Thanks for supporting the visit of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
 - Reminder of the "Space for Grace" gathering April 6, 2017 at DMC Report on House of Bishops meeting March 9-15, 2017
4. **Hope Center Report** – The Rev. Barbara Price, Director
Barbara retold the story of how the Hope Center came to be. Located at 781 Maple Rd. in Williamsville, the Center provides a safe place in the community for recovery meetings and activities that support recovery. It is grounded on the 12 Step and 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is self-supporting, depending entirely on donations. Barbara passed out literature to all Council members.
5. **Sub-committee reports:**
 - Connections – Sheri – no report at this time
 - Outreach – Bruce – reported on survey results from Warden and Vestry Day. Additional surveys will be sent to parishes not participating. We need to see what the parishes are doing for Outreach. Bruce has scheduled a meeting for April 11, 2017 with St. Mark's, N. Tonawanda to determine the issues surrounding their refusal to accept the Council grant for \$10,000.
 - General Convention Resolutions – Charlie absent – no report
 - Treasurer/Trustees – Bob – no report at this time
 - Finance – Carl reported that no requests have been received as of today for funding in the 2018 budget. March 31st is the deadline. Discussion – no request has been received from Anti-racism and Diversity Comm. Motion by Isaac, second by Colleen, that amount from 2017 budget be used as a "placeholder" in the 2018 budget until this group is heard from. Carried.

6. **Partnership and Council** – Bishop Franklin, Vicki and Liz -discussion took place regarding the focus of the Partnership moving forward. Does the Diocese need a separate body to raise funds, sponsor a separate campaign, have a board of directors? Carl moved, seconded by Colleen, that Diocesan Council explore with the Partnership the possibility of integrating management of funds currently dispersed. Timetable by Sept. when Bishop Franklin returns from sabbatical. Carried.
7. **Financial Report** – Maria passed out a 2 month financial report. No questions asked. Maria will prepare a 3-year profit and loss report.
8. **Bishop's meeting with Rector and Wardens of Trinity**, Buffalo on March 2, 2017 Bishop reported on the background, substance and purpose of this meeting. After discussion, it was decided that Jim Isaac (SC), Bob Matson (Treas), and Carl Otis (Finance and Budget Comm). should meet with Rector and Wardens of Trinity, Buffalo, to determine when the diocese will be paid for the promised full share amount when their Rector was hired in 2016. This committee to report back to Diocesan Council.
9. **Bishop's upcoming sabbatical** – Bishop Franklin will be in New York City with family
 - + April 17 – August 15, 2017
 - + Will spend some time determining the focus of his final two years as our Bishop
 - + Will not be answering email during this time (22)
 - + Jim Isaac – president of Standing Comm.
 - + Cathy Dempsey-Sims – Canon for Connections
 - + Vicki Zust - Transitions Officer
 - + Catherine Way – chair of Commission on Ministry
 - + Liz Brauza-Hughes – Vice-chair of Diocesan Council
 - + Bishop Sean Rowe – Ordinations, etc.

Next meeting April 20, 2017 at 6PM

Bishop closed the meeting with a prayer for St. Patrick's Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Elliott

Secretary to the Diocesan Council