

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**MAY 24, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:** The Rt. Rev. William Franklin, Cathy Dempsey -Sims, Wayne Blassingame, Liz Brauza-Hughes, Lillian Davis-Wilson, Reid Heffner, Cheryl Maytum-Krull, Sue Stanislawski, Barbara Gray, Maria Manocchio, and Judy Elliott (Clerk).

**OPENING PRAYER:** Bishop Bill led us in prayer: “Ever living God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of forgiveness and the hope of the resurrection: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen”

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion M/C/Carried to accept April minutes.

### **BISHOP BILL’S REPORT:**

1. May 7<sup>th</sup> -decision of the Standing Committees of DWNy and NwPA: voted unanimously to take the proposal for an election of a provisional bishop to our October 27<sup>th</sup> diocesan convention. Bishop Sean Rowe will be the only candidate for this. The two Standing Committee have formally notified the Presiding Bishop of this, and our intention to have tis vote in October.
2. June 23<sup>rd</sup>- next Standing Committee meeting
3. October 9<sup>th</sup> – Pre-convention workshop –7 PM St. James, Batavia
4. October 10<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Convention workshop - 7PM Diocesan Ministry Center
5. October 14<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Convention workshop – 7PM St. Luke’s, Jamestown  
Both Bishops will be present for these meetings. The Rust Belt website is also full of information.
6. May 12<sup>th</sup> – Clergy Day went very well
7. June 16<sup>th</sup> – DMC 10-2PM Rector/Priest and Warden Day
8. July 3-14 th - General Convention

9. June 21<sup>st</sup> – our last Diocesan Council meeting until September. Everyone is urged to attend as Maria will present the budget for 2019.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Maria Manocchio reported – as of April 30, 2018:

Everything is under budget. Revenues by \$52,151. – Expenditures by \$93,740 – cash inflow exceeded outflow by \$21,887. Thanks to Maria for her hard work.

**FINANCIAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT** – Liz Brauza-Hughes reported on a meeting of the committee May 9, 2018. 3 requests were received for funding:

1. Ministry in Transition – requested \$3250.
2. The Hope Center – requested \$8000.
3. Anti-Racism Task Force – requested \$35,000.

Bishop Bill met with these 3 groups to talk with them about their budget requests.

The Finance & Budget Committee members are: besides Liz, there is Maria, Cathy, Judy Elliott, Bob Firestine, Colleen O'Connor, Wendy Palmer and Bob Matson.

**FULL SHARE UPDATE:** Cathy Dempsey-Sims gave the Diocesan Council the latest update regarding the parishes the Full Share Comm. has had to meet with. 9 churches are okay and their FS is accepted as is; 8 churches continue to need further attention regarding agreement to pledge their FS. Motion to accept the Full Share Comm. report made by Sue Stanislawski, and seconded by Lillian Davis-Wilson and carried. This committee is comprised of: Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims, Maria Manocchio, Bob Matson, Karen Genco, Jim Isaac, and Dan Tibedeau.

**PARTNERSHIP GRANT REQUESTS;** Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims

1. Locked Door Project – for \$1500. From St. Paul's Angola. On hold until

further information is available. A letter will be sent to St. Paul's suggesting other options for obtaining the money needed to rekey the church and property.

2. Café Service - \$5000. From St. Andrews, Burt. This is a mission and evangelism project, and was approved by Council. Reid moved, and Liz seconded - carried.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** led by Bishop Bill –

“Almighty God, on the Day of Pentecost, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel that it may reach to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and for ever. Amen.”

**ADJOURNMENT by Bishop Bill at 7:15PM. NEXT MEETING JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 6PM.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

*Judy Elliott*

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**Clerk**