

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MINUTES - JUNE 21, 2018 - 6PM

ATTENDANCE: Bishop Bill Franklin, Wayne Blassingame, Liz Brauza-Hughes, Lillian Davis-Willson, Cheryl Maytum-Krull, Bonnie Morris, Wendy Palmer, Barbara Gray, Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims, Maria Manocchio, Robert Matson, and Judy Elliott (clerk).

Opening prayer - led by Bishop Bill Franklin. "Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our beloved country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord". Amen.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Wendy, 2nd by Liz to accept the minutes of May 24, 2018 - Carried.

Bishop's remarks:

- 1) Trip to Washington, D.C. 6/20-6/21-led Morning Prayer for Episcopal members of Congress & staff, and
people from the Supreme Court
- 2) Thanks to Maria, Cathy, Bob and the F&B Committee for their work on the 2019 budget
- 3) This 2019 budget is our "blueprint" expressing our priorities as we go into a new period
- 4) A time of transition involves staff changes. There will be 5 full-time positions; The Bishop, Cathy Dempsey-Sims as Canon for Connections, Maria Manocchio for finances, Mike Brown as receptionist and secretary to Cathy, and Keri Mills as executive assistant to the Bishop.
- 5) Excellent turnout for Clergy & Warden Day on June 16, 2018 - about 65 people in attendance
- 6) The 2019 budget supports our vision; it will change somewhat as we either elect Bishop Sean Rowe, or
have a traditional search.
- 7) General Convention to be held in Austin, TX from July 3rd - 14th
- 8) Sleep Away Camp to be held in August

9) Upcoming Ordinations: Steve Lane July 28th, 2018 and Jason Miller in August

10) This is the final Diocesan Convention meeting until we meet again on September 20, 2018

TRANSITION GRANT REQUEST: Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims reporting:

Request from Good Shepherd, Buffalo (on file and attached to minutes). Motion made by Cheri, 2nd by Bonnie, to grant Good Shepherd, Buffalo the sum of \$8000. (1st year), then up to \$20,000 limit over the next 3 years, following the rules of evaluation for a full-time Clergy grant. Carried.

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET - Maria Manocchio reporting:

Maria clarified certain lines of the budget for Council members, answering all questions. There will need to be a written narrative to accompany this budget as Diocesan Convention delegates will need to vote on this in October. There will also be a "projection document" coming out in August, showing the joint responsibilities between the DWNY and the DNWPA.

BISHOP FRANKLIN AND MARIA EMPHASIZED THAT THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE WELL- PREPARED, AND ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BUDGET, AS WELL AS DEFEND IT.

Specific areas to be explained in the narrative:

deferred maintenance (line 62400)

cultural shift which has occurred in the diocesan staff/ (5 FT staff, one PT financial consultant)

building is not being used by outside agencies/groups as had been hoped for

expense for Diocesan Convention will be higher as we are subsidizing more of the Convention so cost is less for delegates

there will be no tuition charged for courses under the "Canterbury Institute." All courses will be taught by diocesan staff of consultants,

Motion was then made by Wendy to accept the 2019 proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Wayne and carried. Special thanks to Maria by Bishop Franklin.

Meeting adjourned by Bishop Franklin with prayers at 7:30PM. NEXT MEETING-SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Elliott, Clerk ☺