

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 18, 2018 6PM

ATTENDANCE: Bishop Bill Franklin, Cathy Dempsey-Sims, Maria Manocchio, Liz Brauza-Hughes, Barbara Gray, Wendy Palmer, Bruce Davidson, Reid Heffner, Sue Stanislowski, Bob Matson, Bonnie Morris, Cheri-Maytum-Krull, Judy Elliott (Clerk).

OPENING PRAYER: Bishop Bill prayed: "Loving God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from error, and to lead us into all truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Thanks to all for attending the meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bruce made the motion, seconded by Wendy to approve the minutes from 9/20/2018 -carried.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION – on Bishop Provisional proposal. 240 people came to the Pre-convention workshops. 45 minutes in Batavia, one hour at the DMC, and 25 minutes in Jamestown. We are all talked out. So our next step is to vote at the start of Convention. The Bishop called for any further questions or comments. Being none, we moved on to the next item on the agenda.

ROLE OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL AT CONVENTION: The Bishop explained that the Diocesan Council is the convention between conventions, so it is very important that everyone try to be there even if you are not a delegate. Show up at 9:30AM, and at 10AM for the Budget Presentation led by Bob Matson, Treasurer. Cathy then reviewed the agenda for the two day Convention. The members of Council should receive name tags in order to be identified. Study the 2019 budget in case you need to answer a question. 😊

FINANCIAL REPORT, AND CREDENTIAL REPORT: Maria presented the financial reports through Sept. 30, 2018: Revenue was under budget by \$139,511. Expenditures were under budget by 77,977. Credential report reveals 3 parishes who do not have their credentials in:

1. Christ Church, Albion – audit not in
2. St. John's, Dunkirk - no parochial report or audit in
3. St. Stephen's, NF – have not paid the required amount of their Full Share

REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL GRANTS – no report at this meeting

THANKS FROM OUR BISHOP – Bishop Bill thanked everyone for serving on the Diocesan Council this past year, and feels that the size of the Council is now much more workable, not being so large. He thanked Liz for filling in from time-to-time as Vice-Chair in his absence.

CLOSING PRAYER: Bishop Bill prayed: “ Eternal God, light of the world and creator of all that is good and lovely. We bless your name for inspiring us even as we engage in the governance of your Church. May the work that we have done on this Council also fill us with desire and love of you, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next meeting of the Diocesan Council will be Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 at 6PM. See you all then! 😊

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Elliott,

Clerk of the Diocesan Council