

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE: Bishop Bill Franklin, Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe (guest), Wayne Blassingame, Bruce Davidson, Lillian**

**Davis-Wilson, Reid Heffner, Cheri Maytum-Krull (Skype), Bonnie Morris, Wendy Palmer, Claudia Sceda, Sue**

**Stanislawski, Cathy Dempesy-Sims, Maria Manocchio, Robert Matson, and Judy Elliott, Clerk. Also present were**

**two members of our Trustees, Howard Gondree and Sam Colley-Toothaker.**

**Social Time – from 6PM – 6:15 in celebration for a job well-done at Convention.**

**Opening Prayer: 6:20 PM Led by Bishop Franklin – a prayer for Samuel Seabury**

**Minutes: Minutes from the October 18, 2018 meeting – a motion was made by Wendy to accept the minutes, seconded by Bruce, and carried. ☺**

**Bishop Bill – thanked all for helping with the process of the Bishop Provisional election, Bishop Sean Rowe. He then introduced**

**Bishop Sean who came for the day from Erie, PA. Among many things, Bishop Sean said he is privileged to serve the Diocese of Western New York beginning April 4, 2019, when Bishop Bill retires. This was a 14-month process, resulting in his election on October 27, 2018. There is no road – map for this venture, this is a new model, electing a Bishop Provisional vs. the traditional manner in which our Bishop has been elected previously. Bishop Sean asked the Council members to be honest and direct with him at all times. He will be on a**

sabbatical leave for about 10 weeks, and then begin working with Bishop Bill around March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Financial report: Maria Manocchio, passed out the monthly financial summary . Revenue and expenditures are on target with the budget.

Partnership Grant requests:

- Outreach to Needy Families at Lewiston-Porter Central Schools – Request of \$1000. Motion by Wendy, seconded by Bruce, Carried.
- Personal Care Kits for Community Missions – Request of \$2000. - Motion by Wendy, seconded by Claudia, Carried.\
- Hannah Hall Restoration – St. Patrick’s, Cheektowaga – request for \$30,000. Due to the parameters of the Partnership for Mission and Outreach, the nature of this project needed to be reworded to fit. The request was for funding to have the basement redone following a flood. As it was worded, the project would not fit into the parameters for Mission and Outreach. That being decided, and discussed at length, a motion was made by Bonnie to have Claudia work with Sue on this grant proposal for \$16,000. Seconded by Lillian, and carried. (one absention).  
Once this is completed, a vote will be obtained via email from each Council member before the next meeting.
- Other grants/updates: Cathy reported that St. Luke’s, Jamestown and the Genesee Deanery need to send back their progress reports. Bruce Davidson, as Secretary of Council, will send a letter to each requesting these reports. Motion M/S/C

Date for next Council meeting – will be JANUARY 17, 2019 . A PICTURE OF COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN AT THAT MEETING. 😊

**With prayer offered by Bishop Bill, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Judy Elliott*

**Clerk of Diocesan Council**