

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019
6PM

ATTENDANCE: The Rt. Rev. William Franklin, Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims, Claudia Scheda, Lillian Davis-Wilson, Sue Stanislowski, Cheri Maytum-Krull, Jim Clement, Bonnie Morris, Wayne A. Blassingame, Wendy Palmer, Bruce Davidson, Reid Heffner, Maria Manocchio, and Judy Elliott, Clerk. Absent with notification: Bob Matson, Treas.

ALSO PRESENT: Karen Genco, Trustee, Rose Sconiers, Trustee, and Howard Gondree, Trustee

1. Call to order by Bishop Franklin at 6PM. Opening Prayer – collect of Bishop Brent, the Bishops' favorite Bishop!
2. Minutes of February 21, 2019 – the minutes were approved as submitted after 3 corrections: The Clerk apologizes to Lillian for not marking her excused at the Feb. meeting; also to Jim for using too many "s" in his last name, and Wayne for misspelling his last name. ☹️
3. Bishop's report – The Farewell in Batavia was very successful. The next one will be March 23rd in Jamestown; then the festive Eucharist, farewell, and transfer of the Episcopate to Bishop Sean Rowe will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, April 7th, 2019 at 3PM. A reception will follow at The Marin in the Admiral Room. The Marin is located at 237 Main St. Buffalo
4. The Lott Fund – as part of the Bishop's report, he introduced 3 Trustees of the diocese – Karen Genco, Rose Sconiers, and Howard Gondree. Karen then introduced the Blanche H. Lott Fund for Congregational Facilities subject, and its history. Each Council member received a copy of the resolution adopted by the Trustees at their February 2019 meeting. The Trustees authorized "\$25,000. to be made available to the Lott Fund for Facilities in 2019 providing (a) that an additional \$25,000. is committed for 2019 year to the Fund by the Diocesan Council either from the 2019 budget or from other sources of funding available to the Council." An Advisory Comm. will be appointed to be created with trustees and council members. Motion by Jim to approve the concept of the Lott Fund, and to revisit the funding for 2019 in the Fall. Seconded by Claudia, and carried.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – a motion was made by Wendy Palmer for the Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the following:

+ **Genesee Deanery Response:** Motion by Wendy made to inform the Deanery to retain \$5000. for the workshop in May 2019, and all remaining funds be returned to Diocesan Council in reserve for future disbursements through 12/31/2019. Seconded by Wayne, Motion carried.

+ **Full Share Report** – Maria Manocchio

Motion M/S/C to approve the new amount for St. Matthias, East Aurora

Motion by Sue, seconded by Wendy to enact Article 3 against two churches who have not responded: Advent, Kenmore and St. Peter's, Westfield. Bishop Bill will write a letter informing them of this decision; also that two of their members who are on the COM will be removed (Advent).

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Maria Manocchio

The 2019 budget was reviewed by Maria with all changes explained. It is balanced for now. A motion was made by Cheri, with a second by Wendy to approve this budget – carried.

A point of personal privilege was requested by Canon Cathy to thank Bishop Bill for his eight years as our Bishop. Applause followed, with a champaign toast after the meeting.

Adjourned by Bishop Bill with prayer at 7:40PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Judy Elliott
Clerk*

Next Meeting – April 11th at 6PM – note change of date.