

## **Meeting by Zoom phone conference of the Diocesan Council**

**Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota**

**August 1, 2019**

**(for information purposes, in anticipation of meeting on Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10)**

Present: John Anderson, John Floberg, Joshua Floberg, Robert Fox, Mary Johnson, Chaska Moore, Daniel Rice, Terry Overbo, Canon Hal Weidman, Duffy Williams, Treasurer; Business Manager, Kelly Parker

Absent: Christie Iverson, Don Henderson, Mark Strobel, Elaine McLaughlin, Angela Goodhouse

7:05 pm called to order by Duffy

John Floberg led in prayer.

Kelly: Presents Basic chart of accounts

John F:

Re: Bishop search: hoping to escrow funds to have at our disposal later

Transition expenses will roll over into payroll expenses when a bishop is elected

Whatever stopped on May 1<sup>st</sup> isn't on the paper here. Much of the 143k balance is for ended ministries (Bishop Michael, Leisha Woltjer, Canon Zanne)

Kelly—remainder of budget gets us through December. Dollar amounts are accurate moving forward.

John F: we were well within our budget through May.

We will officially straighten out the spending by voting on budget next week.

Likely to reduce (but not by much) the amount of draw we need to take from our endowment.

Duffy: the bottom line: we spend less than we have.

Dan: for the sake of clarity, move Sudan Ministry to Congregational Support Out.

Kelly: Sheaf is a new line item

Attended a conference Online and distance learning to become ordained. Lots of grants and curricula

Hal: Be sure you are reserved into the motel for next week's meeting. Ask for Patrick if there are problems with reservations

John Floberg discussed some of the details of the Outreach ministries.

Dan Rice: Q about Payroll expense increase 375000 2019 is a half-year; 2020 is a whole year. This accounts for the increase.

Finance Committee: We might want to ask for a recommendation of whether we smooth out the ups and downs of our investments by drawing our normal draw and escrowing the excess.

John F: going through the books, we discover that there were payments made to clergy from Bishop's Discretionary Funds. But Bishop's Discretionary Fund is supposed to be for charitable uses. It is not technically legal to use it like payroll.

Adjourned with prayer by Canon Floberg.