

Diocesan Council - April 1, 2016  
All Saints Episcopal Church, Minot, ND

6:00 Dinner provided by All Saints

7:00 pm. Meeting began with Evening Prayer, led by Bishop Michael.

Members in attendance:

Bishop Michael Smith, Carmine Goodhouse, Deacon Terry Overbo, Canon Zanne Ness, Christie Iverson, The Rev. Bart Davis, The Rev. Mary Johnson, Charlotte Peterson, Treasurer, Canon Christian Senyoni, The Rev. Paul Zaharia, The Rev. Michael Paul, The Rev. Duffy Williams, Deacon Barbara Olson, The Rev. Duane Fox, Elaine McLaughlin, Carol DeWall, Canon John Floberg, The Rev. Jim Shannon, Marilys Carter, Don Henderson, Robert Fox

Absent: Julie Helgaas, Deacon Brandan Mauai, Linda Hokana

Canon John Floberg distributed business plans for the Sustainability Grants to all in attendance. Canon John shared a brief explanation of the "Stitch In Time - Sewing Project." More funds have been offered by the Cathedral in Ohio.

Reviewed information submitted by NDCIM for Sustainability Grants:

- Purchase Commercial Property - Fargo, ND (\$1,300,000)
- Poly Sportz Company - (\$500,000) - Paul Zaharia - to work with Dunseith & Minot. Church would own 12% of the business projecting \$200,000 per year on the investment that would be spent in sustainable projects
- ND/SD Young Life Youth Ministry - \$630,000 "The North Star" region
- Cobblestone Inn, (Washburn, ND or Thunder Head Episcopal Church Camp, Lead, SD)

Reviewed

Meeting recessed until Saturday, April 2, 2016.

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Morning Prayer led by Bishop Michael Smith

Meeting called to order. Roll call. 18 members present. Three absent.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes from November meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Charlotte Peterson, Treasurer presented the 2015 Audit.

Charlotte asked members of the Council to review monthly financials for additional oversight.

Discussion and concerns on designated funds were talked about.

A recommendation was made that we interview/engage other firms which best practices encourage every (2-3) yrs.

Motion by Bart Davis; seconded by Barb Olson to approve of audit report and to accept the recommendation of the finance committee to change auditors. Motion carried - Unanimous.

Motion by Don H. seconded by Christie Iverson ratify the appoint of John Floberg to a second term to the Pooled Investment Fund. Motion carried - Unanimous

Moved by Bart, seconded by Jim Shannon to consider the outstanding loan to Walhalla a bad debt and write it off. Motion carried - Unanimous

Motion by Mother Mary funds and seconded in the reserve fund held in trust for St. Johns can be released by the treasurer to pay invoices for building and property repair. Motion carried - Unanimous

Motion by Barb Olson, seconded by Don Henderson to accept Treasurer's report. Motion carried - Unanimous

Motion by Duffy Williams, seconded by Bart Davis to accept the Sustainability Grant Request for the Mini Excavator/Trailer business. (This would be for Standing Rock) in the amount of \$28,000.

Bishop Michael shared his thoughts about the possibility of exploring part-time employment in the future both here in the diocese and other places. Many different situations were discussed.

The council took two votes by secret ballot to look at the idea of Bishop Michael's time and employment at 0 to 50%. Final results of second vote was 7 @ 50% and 10 @ 25%.

Motion by Charlotte, seconded by Duffy that in the interest of sustainability and with consent of the Bishop, the council encourages the bishop to look for other employment outside the diocese, preferably 25% but no greater than 50% of his time, with priority given with the goals and vision of the diocese of North Dakota. Motion carried - Unanimous.

Canon Zanne Ness, reported for COM. She spoke of commitment and time and her concern about the need for renewal. Bishop Michael shared the idea of a Novena movement in the diocese. Canon Zanne stated she is looking forward to a new deacon formation beginning in the fall.

Fr. Michael Paul reported on the Bakken Ministry in Williston. He shared that he had a grant approval that has enabled him to travel more throughout the local area. A current activity at the church is they feed people every first Tuesday of the month.

Canon Zanne reported on the Bread of Life ministry that began on December 13, 2015. They had a service every Sunday since that time. Through various activities she has seen people have begun responded to this ministry.

Mother Mary reported that All Saints soup kitchen serves 70-100. Seven nights a week make sure that someone is here for men.

Bishop Michael shared the results of the poll that was taken for the Sustainability Grant Requests.

1. Youth Ministry (19)
2. Cobblestone Inn (20)
3. Poly Sportz Company (26)
4. Seven Generations (31)
5. Purchase Commercial Property (37)

Meeting concluded with Eucharist led by Bishop Michael.