

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
St. George's, Bismarck, ND
November 04-05, 2016

Present: Bishop Michael Smith, Charlotte Peterson, Deacon Terry Overbo, Carmine Goodhouse, Julie Helgaas, The Rev. Jim Shannon, Deacon Brandon Mauai, The Rev. Duffy Williams, Linda Hokana, Christie Iverson, The Rev. Paul Zaharia, Don Henderson, The Rev. Mary Johnson, Dan Rice, Kristin Koch, The Rev. Michael Paul, Mike Rhinehart, The Rev. John Floberg, Canon Zanne Ness (non-voting)

Absent: The Rev. Duane Fox, Elaine McLaughlin, Robert Fox

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Bishop spoke of Wm. Temple

Evening Prayer

Bishop Michael opened the meeting.

Roll Call, a quorum (18/20) was established

The agenda was amended to include:

A discussion of Youth Ministry

The agenda was adopted.

Reading of Minutes and Election of Vice-President and Secretary postponed to a later time.

An update on the ministry of St. John's, Dickinson was presented by Ellery and Anna Dykeman. It included the following points: Worship leadership, Pastoral Ministry, Buildings and Grounds, Missional Leadership.

- St. John's in Dickinson is in a partnered ministry with Lutheran churches; St. John's in Richardton and Peace in Dickinson. St. John's, Dickinson has a balanced budget, St. John's, Richardton varies and Peace has steady attendance but giving has decreased. Approximately \$10,000 is needed to balance the budgets.

An update on the ministry of St. Peter's, Williston was presented by Terri Sorenson.

- St. Peter's has no loss of income, but expenses high. Discussion followed concerning the medical insurance offered by DFMS or a private carrier. No action taken.

The Bakken Fund discussion followed with Leisha Woltjer on a conference call. The discussion was helpful as there are several new members on Council.

Closing Prayer and the meeting was recessed.

Saturday, November 05, 2016.

8:30 am The Bishop spoke of Willibrord followed by Morning Prayer.

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

The Rev. Mary Johnson was elected Vice-President and Julie Helgaas, Secretary
Discussion of St. John's, Dickinson and St. Peter's, Williston resumed.

- John Floberg suggested they look into Discernment Grants (Episcopal Church Discernment) with grants to local Missions. John will advise them.
- Diocesan Council wishes to support both churches and has enough money in the Bakken Fund for three years. \$10,000 to St. John's, \$16,000 to St. Peter's from the Bakken Fund and \$13,000 from the Real Estate Fund for St. Peter's.
- Christie Iverson suggested we ask Texas to help as they are inclined to help support mission work.
- Charlotte Peterson reported that St. John's, Moorhead is receiving donations for Sudanese Ministry that exceeds monies that are in the budget earmarked for them. It was suggested to transfer 2/3 to ¼ monies from their ND Budget line item of \$6,000 to the Bakken Fund leaving the remaining.
- Williston is encouraged to seek a solution to their Health Insurance costs.
- As we have enough monies in the Bakken Fund for three years it was suggested we seek ways to add to it so in the future there would be more.
- John Floberg suggested we use money from the Endowment Fund provided the ND Budget does not need it.

Mike Rhinehart moved:

Diocesan Council continue to support Dickinson at the current levels for three years from the Bakken Fund/Christie Iverson, Second.

Duffy Williams amended the motion:

Diocesan Council will attempt to increase contributions to St. John's, Dickinson based on year end budget surplus for 2016 (one year)/Don Henderson, Second. Amendment approved. The Motion passed.

John Floberg moved:

Direct the Finance Committee to review the sustainability of our present budgetary obligations together with donations in support of the Sudanese Ministry at St. John's, Moorhead and present recommendations that may re-locate budget to Bakken/Christie Iverson, Second. Motion passed.

Duffy Williams moved:

We rescind the Diocesan Council recommendation (March minutes – Investigate changing Auditors) and return the recommendation to the Finance Committee/Jim Shannon, Second. Motion Approved.

Duffy Williams moved:

We change (Investments) to DFMS subject to Finance Committee veto/John Floberg, Second. Motion Approved.

Mary Johnson moved:

We affirm the Bishop's appointments to the Finance Committee. They are: Charlotte Peterson, Robert Fox, John Floberg, Beth Lipp, Bart Davis, John Baird, Duffy Williams. The Bishop is Ex-Officio. Affirmed.

Charlotte Peterson presented the Treasurer's Report.

John Floberg moved:

All donations fees submitted through Pay Pal for “Standing with Standing Rock” be covered by the donation/Mary Johnson, Second. Approved.

Duffy Williams requested Leisha look for Internet options for the Diocese.

Duffy Williams moved acceptance of the Treasure’s Report/Jim Shannon, Second. Approved.

Diocesan Convention Report

- 2107 Featured Congregation will be St. Luke’s, Standing Rock.
- The Bishop appointed Mary Johnson to investigate a room for children due to the 11:00am check out of the hotel.

Duffy Williams moved we accept the Tax letters/Housing Allowance designations for clergy/Mary Johnson, Second. Approved.

Diocesan Council Meetings for 2017

March 24-25, 2017 @ Ft. Totten

August 18-19, 2017 @ Fargo

November 17-18, 2017 @ Jamestown

Standing Committee presented their report on Resolution #2, Diocesan Convention.

John Floberg, Standing Committee requests a Convocation of both Dioceses

1. NDCIM-Niobrara
2. Rural-small Communities
3. School for Ministry/COM
4. Youth/YL collaboration/Camps
5. Finance/Treasurer
6. Canon Missioner/Canon to the Ordinary
7. Cardinal Parishes/Cathedrals
8. Bishops
9. Standing Committee
10. Sudanese
11. ELCA
12. Wise Elder

Zanne Ness no report on the Commission on Ministry.

John Floberg NDCIM is continuing work on the Sustainability Grants.

Youth Ministry is continuing at Spirit Lake.

Brandon Maui reported on DAPL and the Episcopal Church presence.

(Prayerful, Peaceful, Non-Violent, Lawful)

The Acolyte Festival (Christ the King Sunday) for all ages will be held at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral in Fargo, ND November 18-20.

EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) will convene in Oklahoma in July. 24 spaces are reserved for youth from North Dakota. Ages are rising 9th to Seniors.

The next meeting of the Diocesan Council will be *March 24-25, 2017 @ Ft. Totten.*
The meeting was adjourned by Bishop Smith

Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Lunch was served

Julie Helgaas
Secretary