

**MINUTES of
The Meeting of Diocesan Council of
The Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota
St. George's Episcopal Church, Bismarck, ND**

March 1, 2019, 6-9 pm; resuming March 2, 2019, 9 am – 12 noon

Chaired by John Floberg of the Standing Committee in the absence of Bishop Michael and Mark Strobel

Present: John Anderson, Duffy Williams, Larry Thiele, Elaine McLaughlin, Don Henderson*, Angela Goodhouse-Mauai, Robert Fox*, John Floberg*, Mary Johnson, Christie Iverson*, Terry Overbo*.
Absent: The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, ex officio; Mark Strobel*, Mike Rinehart, Dan Rice, Emily Wittkopp, Crystal Towers, Leslie Ross, Brandon Mauai, Kristin Koch, Michael Paul (*Names with * are members of Standing Committee.*)

Motion 2019 01 to Adopt agenda.

Moved by Don Henderson, seconded by Robert Fox. Motion carried.

Motion 2019 02 to Acknowledge the results of online voting on matters from December 2018 meeting, which was canceled due to bad weather.

Moved by Christie Iverson, seconded by Larry Thiele.

Motion carried.

It was noted that we do not have minutes before us to approve from our last meeting. As there was no quorum at our August, 2018 meeting, we probably need to approve the minutes of our March 2018 meeting. We hope to have TWO sets of minutes before us for approval at our Zoom meeting in June.

Diocesan Treasurer, the Rev. Duffy Williams, presented the Treasurer's Report.

Matters discussed in detail: \$8000 in budget for Transition Committee to have a retirement party and gifts for Bishop Michael as he retires.

Request for Clarification re: Line 13 of Budget. How and why did someone arrive at this estimate of Royalty Income for May – December?

The Diocesan Audit is just about ready to be considered. We do not have copies at this time and we will have to formally accept it at a future meeting.

Motion 2019 03 to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, with Request for clarification on Income Line 13.

Moved by John Anderson; Seconded Terry Overbo

Motion carried.

Motion 2019 04 to add Duffy Williams and Emily Hunt as check signers for the Diocese

Moved by Elaine McLaughlin; Seconded by Robert Fox

Motion Carried.

John Floberg presented the Standing Committee Report on the Bishop Transition with discussion of budgetary implications.

Meeting adjourned until Saturday morning.

Meeting resumed 9:04 am March 2, with prayers and a meditation from *Forward Day by Day*.

John Floberg continued to lead a discussion of matters relating to the Bishop Transition, explaining that the Standing Committee has the authority to call the Rt. Rev. James Waggoner as Assisting Bishop; but it is the responsibility of Diocesan Council to make changes to our diocesan budget to enable this call.

Motion 2019 05 Motion to Acknowledge the Call made by the Standing Committee to the Rt. Rev. James Waggoner to be Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of North Dakota after the resignation of Bishop Michael at an agreed upon time between May 2, 2019 and August 1, 2019.

Moved by Don Henderson; Seconded by Larry Thiele.

Motion Carried.

Motion 2019 06 Motion to make necessary budget adjustments to call Bishop James Waggoner as Assisting Bishop during the transition period:

Total Compensation for Assisting Bishop for the remainder of 2019 to be \$32,755.00 as per letter of agreement. These funds will be taken from Episcopacy Lines 53 and 60 of the 2019 Diocesan Budget.

Moved by Mary Johnson; Seconded by John Anderson

Motion Carried.

Motion 2019 07 Motion to acknowledge the engagement by the Standing Committee of a Consultant to work with the People of the Diocese of North Dakota during the Transition period, to be funded with \$32,755 from Lines 53 and 60 of the Diocesan Budget.

Moved by Don Henderson; Seconded by Terry Overbo

Motion Carried.

Motion 2019 08 Motion to approve that the balance, if any, of 2019 Episcopacy Expenses at the end of the year be added to the Reserve Fund for the Bishop search.

Moved by Elaine McLaughlin; Seconded by Larry Thiele

Motion Carried.

Motion 2019 09 Motion to approve funding for a diocesan Program Director, with the sum of \$9,245.00 for 2019 (\$14,017 annually) to be taken from Line 101, with the remaining ¼ of funds in Line 101 to be moved to the line for reserve funds to purchase a vehicle for our bishop after the Transition.

Moved by Elaine McLaughlin; Seconded by Mary Johnson

Motion Carried.

The Commission on Ministry reports that Joe Hubbard, sponsored by St. James, Cannon Ball, is in his first year of seminary at Virginia Theological Seminary.

The Council discussed appropriate time and place for the 2020 diocesan convention, resulting in the following motion:

Motion 2019 10 Motion to have the 2020 Diocesan Convention in Bismarck on October 15-16, or, if that date is not possible, October 23-24.

Moved by Elaine McLaughlin; Seconded by Christie Iverson.

Motion Carried.

John Floberg reported that TEC Bishop for Pastoral Development, The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, who helps Presiding Bishop Michael Curry with matters pertaining to Episcopal transitions, recommends that our Diocesan Council meet 6 times per year during the transition. Some of those meetings can be by conference call, some should be in person. The discussion resulted in the following two motions:

Motion 2019 11 Motion for Diocesan Council to meet August 9-10, 2019 in Fargo, with meetings hosted by St. Stephen's and St. John the Divine, Moorhead.

Moved by Mary Johnson, Seconded.

Motion Carried.

Motion 2019 12 Motion to hold a meeting by Zoom on June 22 at 10 am.

Moved by Larry Thiele; Seconded by Duffy Williams.

Motion carried.

Finally, John Floberg mentioned that since we last met the Diocese has lost its longest-serving priest, the Rev. Chuck Henley, who died January 20 at age 90. This resulted in a motion:

Motion 2019 13 Motion to send the Condolences of the members of Diocesan Council to the family of The Rev. Charles Henley.

Moved by Don Henderson; Seconded by John Anderson

Motion Carried.

Finally at 11:55 am there was a motion by Don Henderson, seconded by Terry Overbo, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Johnson