

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JAMESTOWN, ND
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2015

Present: Bishop Michael Smith, the Rev. Duane Fox, Deacon Barbara Olson, Charlotte Peterson, Treasurer, Deacon Terry Overbo, Carmine Goodhouse, the Rev. Bart Davis, Robert Fox, the Rev. Zanne Ness, Julie Helgaas, The Rev. Jim Shannon, Marilys Carter, Deacon Brandon Mauai, Carol DeWall, the Rev. Christian Senyoni, the Rev. Michael Paul, Christie Iverson, the Rev. Paul Zaharia.

Absent: Don Henderson, Leisha Woltjer (non-voting) Canon John Floberg (non- voting).

A tasty meal was prepared by Grace Church.

Bishop Michael opened the meeting by reading about a William Temple.

Bishop Michael conducted Evening Prayer and discussion was held on William Temple, the Psalm, and the Gospel reading.

The Bishop took roll and a quorum was established. The agenda was amended with the addition of the Sabbatical Funding Request and Bread of Life. The agenda was adopted.

The Rev. Mary Johnson was elected Vice-President and Julie Helgaas elected Secretary.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted by motion of Barbara Olson; seconded and carried.

Charlotte Peterson gave the treasurer's report. The Treasurer explained changes to the Operating Budget reporting due to the Endowment Fund having the monies for Designated/requested Funds.

Julie Helgaas moved for acceptance of the budget. There was a second. Motion carried.

Charlotte Peterson brought the Vehicle and Travel policy for approval. Julie moved acceptance, there was a second, carried.

The Bishop presented the Tax letters/housing Allowance designations for clergy. The report was accepted.

The Rev. Zanne Ness presented the Diocesan Convention Feedback Report. After discussion of the feedback from the attendees the council considered ways to mix people so they will not sit with the same people, but get to meet other people.

Bread of Life. After sharing the examples of Grace Church and St. Georges and how they operate in reaching out to others. Bishop Michael encouraged everyone to do similar with perhaps a soup kitchen and/or fellowship, with the possibility of applying for a grant.

Adjourned at 8:00 followed by Evening Prayer.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

The meeting was re-convened with Morning Prayer. Bishop Michael opened Saturday's meeting by reading about Samuel Seabury who became first bishop in The Episcopal Church in America after being ordained in Scotland.

Dates were set for future Diocesan Meetings:

October 14-15, 2016

October 20-21, 2017

John Floberg's report on Indigenous Dioceses Sustainability was explained and commented on by Bishop Michael, Brandon Mauai, Paul Zaharia. During the discussion John Floberg joined the council. The council appreciated their insight and was grateful for their explanation and their willingness to do the hard work.

10 minute break.

The council was re-convened.

John Floberg presented his Sabbatical Funding Request for 2016. Bart Davis moved to approve the sabbatical leave and finances as indicated below, second, approved.

- \$7000 will come from the Masuda Fund balance.
- \$1802.67 (currently in the Masuda Fund, representing education funding not utilized in 2014)
- \$2275.00 (remaining Continuing Education funding, 2015)
- \$2500.00 (Continuing Education funding, 2016)

Terry Overbo reported on the Acolyte Festival scheduled for the weekend of November 21-22 at Gethsemane Cathedral.

Zanne Ness presented the Commission on Ministry report. COM would like to see another school for Deacons beginning in the spring of 2016 and ready to begin by fall 2016 with churches identifying and discerning candidates. Details will be determined by Bishop Michael and COM focusing on Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Jesus Movement.

Bart Davis gave the Standing Committee report. The property in Lakota has been sold. Work continues on Oil Royalties.

Michael Paul briefly reported on the Bakken Ministry in Williston. Outreach to the community continues.

Barb Olson reported on the East African Scholarship Committee which supports 8 students in Africa.

The next meeting will be held: All Saints Minot, ND
April 1-2, 2016

Meeting adjourned to the church for Eucharist and lunch.

Julie Helgaas
Secretary