**Diocesan Council Meeting**

**Prairie Knights Casino & Resort**

 **April 8-9, 2022**

***Present****: Christie Iverson, Robert Fox, Donna Pettit, Tammy Enockson, Steve Godfrey, Bishop Ely, Charlotte Peterson, Stephanie Garcia, Terry Overbo, Jason Thoms, John Floberg, George Abdilnour, Kim Becker, Helen Lodu, Brandy Watson, Leo Wilking, Angela Goodhouse-Mauai*

***Missing****: Mark Strobel, Larry Thiele, Leslie Ross, John Anderson, John Baird, Christi Iron Eyes, Mary Ann Henry, Margaret Zaharia*

Friday @ 7:00 pm

* Bishop opened with a welcome & check-in by all present
* Devotions: John Floberg
* Presentation of Mutual Ministry by Steve
* Broke into groups to discuss presentation
* Closing Devotions: John Floberg
* Ended meeting @ 8:30ish

Saturday @ 8:30 am

* Devotions: John Floberg
* Stephanie volunteered to write for Sheaf
* Motion to accept minutes from January meeting
	+ Leo moved: someone whose name was not written down seconded
	+ Motion passed
* Motion to accept minutes from Special Council meeting in February
	+ Donna moved: Jason seconded
	+ Motion passed

**Financial Matters**

* Charlotte gave a verbal report concerning the state of the finances
	+ A written report for 2022 Budget to date will come at the end of April
	+ 1st Quarter Dividends to be reinvested
	+ Province 6 was restructured; our fair share lowered
	+ Waiting to hire financial position until Jesse gets her head around the job of administrator so she can effectively oversee the financial position.
* AUDIT
* Because the diocese does not have a large staff, the Council needs to have continued oversight of financial matters.
* Andrea Stomberg has been balancing bank statements.
* Motion to accept Audit
* Donna moved; Leo seconded
* Motion passed
* Motion to change the amount for capitalization of property and equipment from current $1,000 to $5,000 AND to authorize Bart Davis and Andrea Stomberg as representative liaisons to Bremer Bank for all financial matters.
* Leo moved; Robert seconded
* Motion passed

**REPORTS**

* Bishop – Tom submitted written report
* Diocesan Minister – Steve submitted written report
* NW Ministry Coordinator – Kim submitted written report
* Work on Minot Air Base with new Chaplain; progress in Williston & Minot
* NDEF – Andrea Stomberg submitted written report
	+ St Gabriel’s grant request not listed in report
* Congregational Development Committee – Donna submitted written report
* Personnel Committee – Sandy Holbrook submitted written report
	+ Motion to endorse policy recommendation to provide short term disability coverage to lay employees
* Christie moved; Stephanie seconded
* Motion passed
* NDCIM – no written report; Robert spoke
	+ June 20-23 native youth from across the US will be at Camp Gabriel
	+ Opening in the fall; working on sustainability projects
* Reconciliation – no written report; Christie spoke
	+ Lectio Divina every Thursday @ 7:00 pm
	+ Retreat for the committee May 20th & 21st
* Creation Care Committee – Solveigh Barney submitted written report
* EFMHE Working Group – Jason submitted written report
	+ There was a lengthy discussion concerning the findings of the working group namely that the trustees were unaware/disregarded guidelines for the foundation. If things continue as they are the money will be gone very soon.
	+ Motion to go into executive session
* John moved; Charlotte seconded
* Motion passed with one opposing
	+ Motion to leave executive session
* John moved; Jason seconded
* Motion passed
* No action was taken in executive session
	+ Foundation can continue if guidelines are kept. Charlotte offered that wrapping these funds into other youth ministry funds could provide more opportunity. Another option would be to use the monies for a 3 yr. part time youth minister.
* Convention – Ericka Morlan submitted written report
* Episcopal Relief & Development – Andrea Stomberg submitted written report
* Commission on Ministry – Harvey Henderson submitted written report
* Standing Committee – Mark Strobel submitted written report
	+ There was a ministry review of our life together with the Bishop over the last year. The conclusion was that things are going well.
* New Season of Ministry – John Baird submitted written report
	+ Motion to approve appointments to the committee listed in the report
* Leo moved; Donna seconded
* Motion passed
* The co-chairs asked Tom Ely to be the facilitator to guide the diocese through the New Season of Ministry process. Tom has accepted.
* Noon Devotions: John Floberg
* Lunch @12:11; return 11:57

**REPORTS CONT …**

* Our Fair Share Task Force – John Floberg submitted written report
	+ After a lengthy discussion of the findings of the TF and the options available, the Council asked the group to go back and do a deeper dive into the stories of how congregations/peoples have gotten to where they are. Report in Sheaf or E news.
* Covid Protocol Update – John Baird submitted written report
* Motion to insert tribal into the final paragraph. “Look to local, state, federal and *tribal* public health...”
* John Floberg moved; Christie seconded
* Motion passed
* General Convention – John Baird submitted written report

**Communications -** Steve

* Steve presented the progress of the new diocesan website
* Planning a church leaders Zoom meeting the 1st Tuesday of every month
* Donation page on website needs clarification

**Pandemic Grant Update -** Steve

* 16 churches participated
* $6000 of the grant remaining
* Council brainstormed ideas for the remaining money including: a second round of proposals, diocesan technical support, Ukrainian immigration in ND, FOOD BANK.
* A decision will be made at a future Council meeting.

**Schedule for 2022**

* May 14, 2022 – Zoom (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)
* June 28, 2022 – Zoom (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
* July 22-23, 2022 - In person
* Corresponds with the dedication of Saint Sylvan’s, Dunseith building on Saturday July 23rd at 4:00 PM
	+ Looking into accommodations around Lake Metigoshe
* September 23-24, 2022 – In person @ Grand Forks
	+ - November 18-19, 2022 – In person (new Council in place) @ Jamestown

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 2:40

* John moved; Jason seconded
* Motion passed