Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2021

Present: Dn. Terry Overbo, Dr.Amy Phillips, The Rev. Dr. John Floberg, Christie Iverson, The Very Rev. Mark Strobel, Robert Fox, The Rev. Larry Thiele, Quinn Palmer, John Anderson, Donna Pettit, Dan Rice, Joshua Floberg, Dn. Angela Goodhouse Mauai, Elaine McLaughlin, Tammy Enockson, Peter Mading Charlotte Peterson, Leo Wilking, The Rt Rev Tom Ely

Absent: Margaret Zaharia, Mary Ann Henry

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Bishop Ely.

Devotions were offered by Peter Mading.

Bob Hoekstra offered a welcome to Grace Church.

The meeting agenda was discussed and approved.

Quinn Palmer was selected to prepare the Sheaf for this round.

The Council members all shared something that has been important to them in the Easter season.

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved.

A motion was made by Leo Wilking and seconded by Christie Iverson. The motion was passed with a voice vote with no objections.

Bishop Ely and Canon Hal presented reports of their activities and invited questions.

The 2021 YTD Financial Report was presented by Charlotte.

A motion to receive the report, subject to audit was made by Peter Mading and seconded by Quinn Palmer The motion was passed by voice vote with no objections.

The Finance Committee presented their report and discussion was had. The following resolutions were proposed by the Committee, and all passed on voice vote with no negative votes:

1. The Diocesan Council establishes a Task Force, which is to include a member of the Finance Committee to evaluate and review the Our Fair Share formula, listen to congregations, and develop a new policy to be presented at the Diocesan Convention.
2. Approve sending First Alternate Clergy and First Alternate Lay to General Convention in addition to the eight deputies, carefully watching expenses.
3. Approve the Policy for Financial Management as distributed to the Council.
4. Approve the timeline for the Budget Process recommended by the Committee.

Josh Floberg and John Anderson presented the work that the Youth Commission has been working on.

The Reconciliation Committee presented work they have been doing, and some discussion was had about a Reconciliation Task Force.

The Congregational Development Committee brought forward the following requests, both of which were approved by voice vote with no objections.

1. Change the name of the New Church Plantings Fund to the “Congregational Revitilization and Renewal Fund” and broaden the use of the fund.
2. Designate up to $50,000 from this fund for the Northwest Ministry Initiative.

Other committees gave reports, including NDCIM, the Transition Committee, the Interview Committee, the Commission on Ministry, and the Standing Committee.

Various discussion was had on the nature of Council, and the presentation of the work that various Commissions and Committees have done.

A motion was made by Quinn Palmer and seconded by Christie Iverson to table the New Season of Ministry Matrix project for a future meeting. The motion was passed by voice vote with no objections, and a meeting date was set for June 26th.

The Finance Committee’s Resolution in regards to the Episcopal Church Financial Relief and Assistance Fund’s grant was tabled as well.

The Covid-19 Protocol updates were discussed, a motion was made by Christie Iverson, and seconded by Leo Wilking. The recommendations were approved by voice vote with no one objecting.

The team to begin planning the Diocesan Convention was established, with Christie Iverson and Quinn Palmer the first two members.

The dates for the next meeting were set as 6/26 for the NSOM matrix discussion, 7/20 for a budget meeting, and a full in-person meeting on August 13-14.

The chaplain for the next meeting will be Quinn Palmer.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.