**Diocesan Council Meeting**

**Grace Church Jamestown, ND**

**Friday November 19, 2021 @ 6:45 pm**

Present: Christie Iverson, Robert Fox, Donna Pettit, Kim Becker, Tammy Enockson, Steve Godfrey, Leslie Ross, Bishop Ely, Charlotte Peterson, Stephanie Garcia, Mary Ann Henry, Terry Overbo, Mark Strobel, Jason Thoms, Margaret Zaharia, Helen Lodu, Brandy Watson

Missing: John Anderson, John Floberg, Christi Iron Eyes, Angela Goodhouse, Leo Wilking, Hal Weidman, Larry Thiele, George Abdilnour

* Bishop presented a check to Grace Church from the Covid Relief grant
* Bishop offered introductory comments and each member introduced themselves
* Prayers; Vespers
* Bishop reminded us of Respectful Communication Guidelines in our discussions
* Watched the Way of Love video
* Split into small group to discuss each item in the Way of Love
* Discussed the Matrix
* Prayers: Compline
* Dismissed for social time at the hotel pool at 9:00 pm

**Saturday November 20, 2021 @ 8:45 am**

Present: same as Friday plus John Anderson in person & John Floberg via Zoom

Absent: same as Friday with above changes

* John Anderson & John Floberg introduced themselves
* Bishop changed the schedule to discuss the Matrix later in the day
* Election of Officers
  + Jason Thoms nominated for Vice President; Vote Unanimous
  + John Floberg offered to share Secretary position with Tammy Enockson; Vote Unanimous
* Bishop asked for someone to write a reflection of the meeting for the upcoming Sheaf; Stephanie volunteered
* Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting June 26, 2021
  + Leslie moved; Christie seconded
  + Motion passed
* Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting August 14, 2021
  + Donna moved; Terri seconded
  + Motion passed
* Charlotte gave a financial report. Motion made to receive operating YTD budget report subject to audit
  + Mark moved; Robert seconded
  + Motion passed
* Charlotte gave overview of reports
  + Have not taken 4% from endowment this year
  + Donor restricted funds used as cash flow
  + Audit is not finished; will schedule another short mtg once it is done
  + Expense reimbursement policy reviewed
  + Discussed clergy compensation
* Motion made to approve clergy compensation schedule as presented
  + Jason moved; John Anderson seconded
  + Motion passed
* Motion made to approve housing resolution for Steve as presented
  + Moved by Leslie; seconded by Donna
  + Motion passed
* Motion made to approve housing resolution for Kim as presented
  + Moved by Mark; seconded by Terry
  + Motion passed
* Motion made to approve housing resolution for Duane Fox as presented
  + Moved by Leslie; seconded by Brandy
  + Motion passed
* Motion made to approve housing resolution for John Floberg as presented
  + Moved by Christie; seconded by Donna
  + Motion passed
* Reports were presented
  + Bishop’s Report and schedule (Tom)
  + NDEF meeting (Tom)
* Awards and possible newsletter
* Andrea will send a written report
  + Diocesan Minister (Steve)
  + Canon for Ministry (written report by Hal)
  + NW Ministry Coordinator (Kim)
  + Congregational Development report (Donna)
* Asking who might be interested to be trained by Partnership for Renewal
* Asked what churches might be interested in this opportunity for the first wave starting in first quarter of 2022
  + Convention reflections (presented by Tom; discussed as a group)
  + Covid Relief Grant update (Steve)
  + Reconciliation Committee (Christie)
  + Personnel Policy (Steve)
  + COP26 (written report by Solveigh Barney)
  + Williston rectory (John Floberg)
* Standing committee is voting at noon to officially accept offer of $310,000
* Bishop proposed holding the 2022 Diocesan Convention the same weekend as Gethsemane Cathedral’s 150th Anniversary as Presiding Bishop Curry is scheduled to attend the Cathedral’s anniversary celebrations
  + Convention Oct 21-22; Cathedral Celebration Oct 22-23
  + Motion made to hold convention in Fargo in conjunction with 150th Anniversary
* Donna moved; Christie seconded
* Discussion followed
* Would Diocese pay for two nights at hotel for Council members?
* Bishop noted there are three area churches in Fargo/Moorhead to help the Cathedral with planning
* Motion passed Unanimous
* Discussed possible theme; Bishop suggested Way of Love
* Our Fair Share Task Force
  + Looking for members
  + 19% current
* New Season of Ministry Task Force
  + Needs to be a broad group including people from Council
  + Will have an outside facilitator
  + Time commitment
* Matrix: Spent 30 min. in small groups talking about areas of interest in the Matrix
* Prayer before dismissing for lunch
* Matrix conversation groups summarized their discussion.
  + Communications
  + Congregational Development
  + Reconciliation
  + Finance & Administration
  + New Season of Ministry & Convention 2022
* Discussed schedule for 2022
  + January 22, 2022 – Zoom
  + April 8-9, 2022 – In person (Bismarck)
  + May 14, 2022 – Zoom
  + June 24-25, 2022 – In person
  + July 26, 2022 – Zoom
  + September 23-24, 2022 – In person
  + November 18-19 – In person (new Council)
* EFMEHE
  + Looking for people to help Leah who is currently the only member of the committee
  + Charlotte, Jason & Robert volunteered
* United Thank Offering
  + Looking for someone to replace Sloane Floberg
  + Encourage congregations to give & review grant applications
  + Leslie suggested Mary Massey
* Standing Committee approved sale of Williston rectory at the offered price Unanimous
* Motion to dismiss by Mark; Seconded by everyone @ 1:45