

Diocesan Council Meeting
via Zoom
Tuesday June 28, 2022

Present: *Christie Iverson, Robert Fox, Donna Pettit, Kim Becker, Tammy Enockson, Steve Godfrey, Bishop Ely, Charlotte Peterson, Stephanie Garcia, Terry Overbo, Mark Strobel, Jason Thoms, Brandy Watson, John Anderson, John Floberg, Larry Thiele, Leslie Ross, Jessica Thielke*

Absent: *Helen Lodu, Leo Wilking, George Abdilnour, Mary Ann Henry, Margaret Zaharia, Christi Iron Eyes, Angela Goodhouse-Mauai*

Guests: *Andrea Stromberg and Bart Davis*

Opening

- Bishop Ely started the meeting at 7:06 pm
- Devotions led by Jason Thoms
- Steve happily welcomed Jessica Thielke, the new Diocesan Administrator, to the Council meeting. He introduced her and thanked her for her work thus far.

Business

- Motion to accept the minutes from the Zoom meeting on May 14, 2022.
 - Donna moved; Leslie seconded
 - Motion passed
- REPORTS
 - Bishop: Tom submitted written report
 - Diocesan Minister: Steve submitted written report
 - NW Coordinator: Kim submitted written report
 - Diocesan Administrator: Jess submitted written report
 - Congregational Development: Donna submitted written report
 - Donna presented a resolution to the Council from the Congregational Committee
 - The Congregational Development Committee requests the approval of Diocesan Council for the sum of \$10,000 for the Committee's work with Partnership for Renewal in 2022. These funds would come from the Revitalization and Renewal Fund, which is held in the NDEF and controlled by Diocesan Council.
 - Discussion followed concerning the extra expenses and how best to report/keep track of these expenses.
 - Motion passed
- Budget
 - Charlotte presented the budget draft with members Bart Davis and Andrea Stromberg of the finance committee present to answer questions.
 - In discussing the prospect of an annual appeal the Bishop explained BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) to provide people the opportunity to give above and beyond their congregational giving.
 - Discussion followed
 - Bishop asked for comments, questions or thoughts to be sent to the Bishop in the window before the finance committee's next meeting.
- Reports continued ...
 - Our Fair Share: John Floberg submitted written report
 - John presented a recommendation to Council from the Our Fair Share Task Force.
 - The Task Force recommends that the Diocese begin a step down process for the assessment to our congregations beginning with the 2023 budget. It would be a four percent decrease evenly distributed over the next four years. We begin at 19% and would decrease to 15%:
 - 2022 - 19%
 - 2023 - 18%
 - 2024 - 17%

2025 – 16%

2026 – 15%

- Resolution moved by John Floberg chair of the committee: no second required
- Motion passed; no opposed
- Personnel Committee: Sandy Holbrook submitted written report
- Convention Planning Team: Sandy Holbrook and Ericka Morlan submitted written report
 - Delegate list needed
- Creation Care Committee: Solveigh submitted written report
- Standing Committee: verbal report by Mark Strobel
 - Demolition of the rectory on Fort Totten
- Finance Committee: Charlotte presented
 - Taking 2nd quarter dividends
- Resolution for Convention from Council requesting that Convention concur with the date and location for the 2023 Diocesan Convention – October 27-28, 2023 at the Baymont Inn, Mandan, North Dakota.
 - John Anderson moved; Leslie Ross seconded
 - Motion Passed
- Upcoming Council Schedule 2022
 - July 22-23, 2022 – In person at Church of the Advent, Devils Lake
 - September 23-24, 2022 – In person: Proposal to meet in Grand Forks
 - November 18-19, 2022 – In person (new Council in place): Proposal to meet in Jamestown
- Closing
 - Prayer: Jason Thom
 - Motion to adjourn @ 9:25
 - Moved by Leslie; Seconded by Brandy
 - Motion passed