

**Diocesan Council Meeting
Church of the Advent, Devils Lake
July 22-23, 2022**

Present: *Christie Iverson, Donna Pettit, Kim Becker, Tammy Enockson, Steve Godfrey, Bishop Ely, Charlotte Peterson, Stephanie Garcia, Terry Overbo, Brandy Watson, John Anderson, John Floberg, Larry Thiele, George Abdilnour, Leo Wilking, Helen Lodu*

Absent: *Mary Ann Henry, Margaret Zaharia, Christi Iron Eyes, Angela Goodhouse-Mauai, Robert Fox, Mark Strobel, Jason Thoms, Leslie Ross*

Friday July 22, 2022 @ 6:54 pm

- Bishop Ely welcomed all present and each member checked-in with a highlight from their summer.
- Christie volunteered to lead devotions for the September meeting.
- Opening devotions – Bishop Ely
- Bishop Ely shared a PowerPoint presentation about the structure of diocese, discussion followed.
- Group breakout session lead by members of the New Season of Ministry Task Force.
- Evening Prayer – John Anderson
- Adjourned @ 9:00 pm.

Saturday July 23, 2022 @ 8:45 am

- Morning devotions – John Floberg
- Donna volunteered to write a summary of the meeting for the upcoming Sheaf.
- There was a discussion on the authority of Council to set the Convention date and location. With consultation with the Chancellor it was determined that a canon needs to be changed. The Chancellor agreed to prepare a resolution and submit for Convention consideration.
- Bishop Ely asked for any additions to the agenda and as there were none the business meeting came to order @ 9:00 am.
- Minutes from the June Council meeting - Tammy
 - Change made to the language under the Budget section concerning BHAG as follows: “to provide people the opportunity to give above and beyond their congregational giving.”
 - Motion to accept corrected minutes
 - Leo moved; Donna seconded
 - Motion passed
- Financial Matters - Charlotte
 - YTD:
 - NDCIM over budget for the 6 month mark; should be addressed in future requests
 - Discussion about cash flow in regards to the taking or not taking of dividends
 - Motion to receive midyear budget report subject to audit
 - Leo moved; Charlotte seconded
 - Motion passed

REPORTS

- Bishop – Tom submitted written report
- Diocesan Minister – Steve submitted written report
- NW Minister – Kim submitted written report
- Diocesan Administrator – Jess submitted written report
 - Stephanie inquired how Jess is doing in regards to work/life balance
 - Charlotte, Kim, Steve, Terry, Bishop and John Floberg all spoke positively about her skill and her work/life balance.

- Congregational Development – Donna submitted written report
 - Those involved shared their first impressions of the retreats with PFR.
- NDEF – Andrea submitted written report
 - They are looking to make a policy change in connection with the post grant reports in an effort to create better accountability.
- Reconciliation - no written report
 - Larry spoke
 - From this discussion it was decided to use the video series Native Voices for the upcoming Council meeting in September
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/indigenous-ministries/>
- Personnel Committee – written report submitted
 - Update and review of policies; 2013 was the last revision.
 - Length discussion followed concerning various aspects of the updated Personnel Policy. These concerns will be taken back to the committee for consideration.
 - Bishop Ely made the decision to postpone any action on the policy until September.
 - Motion to accept the Adoption of Model Policies for Protection of Children & Youth as well as the Adoption of Model Policies for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults.
 - Donna moved; Christie seconded
 - Motion passed
- Safe Church – no written report
 - Sandy Holbrook & Zanne Ness are working through logistics to get the diocese in compliance with Safe Church policies. Ultimately this is the Council's responsibility.
 - Those who are required to be trained include clergy, anyone working with children & youth, Vestry members.
- NDCIM – no written report; John Floberg spoke
 - The sustainability grant has changed its name so the funds can be used outside the realm of sustainability.
 - Upcoming Indigenous Episcopal Youth event at St. Gabriel's.
- Creation Care – Solveigh submitted written report
- Episcopal Relief and Development – no written report
- Commission on Ministry – Harvey Henderson submitted written report
- 2022 Diocesan Convention – Ericka Morlan & Sandy Holbrook submitted written report
- General Convention – John Baird offered his notes from Convention to Council
- Standing Committee – no written report
- New Season of Ministry Task Force - no written report
- United Thank Offering – coordinator still needed
- Our Fair Share – no written report

Noon devotions – Leo

Break for lunch @ 12:20 returning @ 12:54

- Land Acknowledgement
 - Returning from lunch Larry presented a brief history of the land now called Devils Lake.
 - We acknowledge the location of this Council meeting as the historic land of the Mandan tribe. Other tribes such as the Michif Piyii, Yanktonai, Anishinabewaki and divisions of Očhéthi Šakówin later occupied this land. Devils Lake, the English name for these waters, is a deliberate and oppressive mistranslation of its original name that can be translated spirit or sacred. Many tribes have sojourned to these waters, as they are believed to be sacred healing water as their true name suggests.
- 2023 & 2024 Budget
 - Motion to direct finance committee to consider an increase in COLA YTD & remaining 2022
 - Leo moved; Christie seconded
 - Motion passed; John Floberg abstained
- Discussed the need for Council to present a report to Convention concerning EFMHE

- Bishop Ely will prepare this report.
- Additional meeting to vote on the 2023 & 2024 Budget set for August 25 @ 7:00 central time.
- Annual Appeal
 - Council is directed to think over this matter; it will be discussed at the September meeting.
 - Motion to set the theme and title of the Annual Appeal as WoDakota: Beloved Community. Living in harmony with all of creation.
 - Tammy moved; Terry seconded
 - Motion passed
 - Giving Heart's Day is a possible partner for the appeal
 - Happens in mid-Feb
 - Leo will research
- Pandemic Grants
 - \$6,000 or \$8,000 remaining
 - 16 congregations participated
 - Revisit what is to be done with remaining money
- Upcoming Council Schedule 2022
 - August 25, 2022 @ 7:00 via Zoom
 - September 23-24, 2022 - In person: Grand Forks
 - November 18-19 - In person (new council in place): Jamestown nearly confirmed
- Motion to adjourn @ 2:50
 - John Floberg moved; Leo seconded
 - Motion passed