

Diocesan Council Meeting
via Zoom
January 17, 2023

Present: Donna Pettit, Tammy Enockson, Steve Godfrey, Bishop Ely, Charlotte Peterson, Stephanie Garcia, Terry Overbo, Brandy Watson, Robert Fox, Leslie Ross, Jason Thoms, Mark Strobel, JoAnn Keehn, Bob Hoekstra, John Baird, George Abdilnour, Hal Weidman, John Anderson, Jessica Thielke
Absent: Hellen Lodu, Leo Wilking, Angela Goodhouse-Mauai, Elaine McLaughlin, Kim Becker

- Bishop Ely called the meeting to order at 7:06
- Opening Prayer: Leslie Ross
- Introductory Business
 - By the discretion of the Bishop, Bob Hoekstra has been moved from a Bishop appointment to Council to an elected member from the East Region to replace Larry Thiele.
 - Check in: Christmas Memory
 - Review communication guidelines: from Kaleidoscope Institute, a Sufi saying and the rubric “THINK”
- Motion to accept minutes from November 2022 Council meeting submitted by Tammy Enockson
 - Moved by John Anderson; Bob Hoekstra second
 - Motion passed
- Chaplin for next meeting February 28, 2023 – Bob Hoekstra
- Reporter for this meeting – Leslie Ross
- Finance Report
 - Charlotte Peterson reported on 2022 year end revenue and expenses, took questions.
 - Motion to receive the finance report subject to audit
 - Leslie Ross moved; Donna Pettit second
 - Motion passed
 - Charlotte noted that the 2021 audit is underway and will come to Council soon.
 - Williston Request
 - After receiving a request for financial support from Saint Peter’s, Williston, the Finance Committee made the following recommendations to Council:
 1. The Bakken Fund is an appropriate source for a \$15,000 grant should Council decide to approve the funding request from St. Peter’s
 2. We strongly recommend that Council use this opportunity to engage the Congregational Development Committee, the Diocesan Ministry Support Team, and the Finance Committee regarding the ongoing financial stability of St. Peter’s
 3. We remind St. Peter’s and Council that each congregation must adopt a budget at its annual meeting and provide a copy of the budget to the Diocesan Office following its adoption
 - Discussion and questions followed covering various aspects of how Saint Peter’s has come to be in this situation.
 - Motion to accept all three recommendations from the Finance Committee and to approve the \$15,000 grant.
 - Leslie Ross moved; Bob Hoekstra second
 - Motion passed unanimous
- Reports
 - Bishop – Tom Ely submitted written report
 - Diocesan Minister – Steve Godfrey submitted written report
 - NW Minister – Kim Becker submitted written report
 - Diocesan Administrator – Jessica Thielke submitted written report

- Congregational Development – Donna Pettit submitted written report
- NDEF – no written report; John Baird gave an update
 - In 2022, NDEF granted \$52,294 in grants.
 - The next deadline for application submissions is April 1, 2023.
- Reconciliation Committee – Christie Iverson submitted written report
- Personnel Committee – Sandy Holbrook submitted written report
- Creation Care Committee – Solveigh Barney submitted written report
- Standing Committee – Mark Strobel submitted written report
 - Since the report was submitted, Elsie Magnus has agreed to be on Standing Committee replacing Hal Weidman.
- New Season of Ministry Task Force – no written report; John Baird gave an update
 - The committee hasn't met since last Council meeting
 - They have been making congregational visits as well as having conversations with other dioceses.
 - The committee has lost two members; looking to find replacements.
- UTO – Vanessa Strobel & Mary Massad submitted written report
- Commission on Ministry – Harvey Henderson submitted written report
- Fort Totten Demolition – Steve Godfrey gave an update
 - Nearly finished; didn't get the hole filled in before the snow
 - The water supply has a leak; working to get that fixed
- Matrix – Steve Godfrey gave an update
 - Under specific goal “Develop Youth & Youth Adult Ministry” line 6, “measure by” change to “Youth minister connecting with all congregations to support engaging youth, college students & other young adults.”
 - There will be another review of the Matrix in September before bringing it to Convention
 - Motion to adopt the current version of the Matrix with above addition
 - Jason Thoms moved; John Anderson second
 - Motion passed
- Youth Minister – Steve Godfrey gave an update
 - Youth Minister Search Committee: Hannah Gendron (St. George's Bismarck), Leah Henderson (St. Paul's, Grand Forks), Joelle Shewey (Gethsemane Cathedral), Rachel Lyons (All Saints, Minot), Angela Goodhouse-Mauai (St. Luke's, Ft. Yates), Tom Ely, Jess Thielke, Steve Godfrey and Robert Fox (St. Paul's, White Shield).
 - The team will meet on Feb 1 to edit draft proposal.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - February 28, 2023 (7:00 PM Central Time) **Zoom**
 - April 21-22, 2023 (overnight in person) **Minot**
 - May 23, 2023 (7:00 PM Central Time) **Zoom**
 - June 16-17, 2023 (overnight in person) **Bismarck**
 - September 15-16, 2023 (overnight in person) **TBD**
 - November 17-18, 2023 (overnight in person) **Jamestown**
- Motion to adjourn with closing prayer led by Leslie
 - John Baird moved; Jason Thoms second
 - Motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm