

**Diocesan Council Meeting**  
**Grace Church, Jamestown**  
**November 18-19, 2022**

**Present:** Donna Pettit, Tammy Enockson, Steve Godfrey, Bishop Ely, Charlotte Peterson, Stephanie Garcia, Terry Overbo, Brandy Watson, Helen Lodu, Robert Fox, Leslie Ross, Jason Thoms, Mark Strobel, JoAnn Keehn, Bob Hoekstra. **Arrived Saturday:** Leo Wilking & John Baird

**Absent:** George Abdilnour, Hal Weidman, Angela Goodhouse-Mauai, John Anderson, Elaine McLaughlin, Larry Thiele

**Friday November 18, 2022 @ 6:50 pm**

- Bishop Ely welcomed all present, thanked Grace Church for providing a lovely supper and gave an overview of the weekend's agenda.
- Evening Prayer led by Mark Strobel
- Check-in by all present: Name, congregation, favorite ministry, ministry in daily life and one hope for your ministry on Council in the coming year?
- Group breakout session to discuss the work of Council and Convention
- Compline led by Mark Strobel
- Adjourned @ 9:00 pm

**Saturday November 19, 2022 @ 9:00 am**

- Morning Prayer led by Mark Strobel
- Council Secretary
  - Bob Hoekstra made a motion to nominate Tammy Enockson for Council Secretary
  - Motion passed
  - Brandy Watson volunteered to be Assistant Secretary
- Vice President of Council
  - Bishop Ely suggested the President of Standing Committee be the VP of Council for a year
  - Leslie Ross so moved; Jason Thoms seconded
  - Discussion followed
  - Leslie Ross withdrew her initial motion
  - Motion to elect Mark Strobel as VP of Council for a year
    - Leslie Ross so moved; Bob Hoekstra seconded
    - Motion passed
- Chaplain for the next meeting in January via Zoom – Leslie Ross
- Reporter for this meeting to be published in the Prairie or Sheaf or both – Leo
- Minutes from the September meeting submitted by John Floberg
  - Change Wolakota to Wodakota on page 3
  - Change “off going” to “out going” on page 3
  - Correct the spelling of Jason Thoms name page 1
  - Motion to receive the corrected minutes
    - Donna Pettit moved; Leo Wilking seconded

- Motion passed
- Finance led by Charlotte Peterson
  - Review YTD revenue and expenses
    - Motion to receive YTD subject to audit
      - Jason Thoms moved; Stephanie Garcia seconded
      - Motion passed
  - Review Endowment Fund
    - Housing Allowance Resolution – any changes must be submitted by year’s end. With no changes to the resolution, it continues.
    - Lengthy discussion concerning the language in the Resolution. No changes were made.
  - Appointments to Finance Committee
    - An individual from Gethsemane is considering joining the Finance Committee and due to Diocesan Canons Section 5 (see below) this will require another member of Council to be added to the Committee.
    - Diocesan Canons Section 5.
      - (a) The Diocesan Council must appoint a Finance Committee, a majority of the members of which must be members of the Council. The Treasurer of the Diocese shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee and its Chairperson. It is the duty of the Finance Committee to ensure by appropriate means that the “standard business methods” required by Canon I.7.1 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church are observed by the Diocese and each Congregation of the Diocese.
    - Leo Wilking volunteered although will defer to another Council member if they are interested.
    - Motion to ratify members of Finance Committee: Charlotte Peterson, Bishop Tom Ely, Robert Fox, David Martin, and Andrea Stomberg
      - Moved by Bob Hoekstra; John Baird seconded
      - Motion passed
- Annual Appeal
  - A spring/Easter appeal was suggested perhaps the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of April
  - Monies would be used for Youth ministry, Native ministry & Congregational Development
  - Bishop Ely commented on needing a base of an annual appeal giving in order to one day consider a capital campaign.
  - A few people mentioned the importance of having multiple ways to give such as: QR code, text to give etc.
  - Team for the Annual Appeal: Jason Thoms, Tammy Enockson & JoAnn Keehn
- Fort Totten
  - Demolition to happen soon
  - Steve Godfrey will follow up
- Reports
  - Bishop – Bp. Ely submitted a written report
  - Diocesan Minister – Steve Godfrey submitted a written report

- NW Ministries Coordinator – Kim Becker submitted a written report
- Diocesan Administrator – Jess Thielke submitted a written report
- NDEF – Andrea Stomberg submitted a written report
- Congregational Committee – Donna Pettit gave an update
- Reconciliation – Stephanie Garcia gave an update
- Personnel – Sandy Holbrook submitted a written report
- Canons – Leo Wilking gave an update
- NDCIM – Robert Fox gave an update
- Creation Care – Solveigh Barney submitted a written report
- 2022 Convention Planning – Sandy Holbrook submitted a written report
- Episcopal Relief & Development – Andrea Stromberg submitted a written report
- Standing Committee – Mark Strobel gave an update
- UTO – Vanessa Strobel & Mary Massad submitted a written report
- Noon Prayer led by Mark Strobel
- Lunch break 11:55 – 12:30
- Group breakout session to discuss the SMART goals for 2023
  - Steve Godfrey, Bishop Ely & Mark Strobel collected the edits from each group for the final edit.
- Diocesan Stewardship Share Policy previously known as Our Fair Share
  - Motion to adopt document as presented by the Task Force
    - Bob Hoekstra moved; Brandy Watson seconded
    - Motion passed
- Group breakout session to discuss New Season of Ministry questions
- Youth Ministry
  - Steve Godfrey introduced thoughts concerning the youth ministry
    - Leadership development
    - Community organizing
    - Collaboration with colleges/campus ministry
  - Team to hire youth minister: Leah Henderson, Hannah Gendron, Robert Fox and looking for other volunteers
- Relationship with Diocese of Texas
  - Looking to find people to be in conversation with them to explore what this companionship might look like moving forward.
- Upcoming Dates
  - January 17, 2023 (7:00 PM Central Time)                      Zoom
  - 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)                      **Grand Forks**
  - November 17-18, 2023 (overnight in person)                      **Jamestown**
- Motion to adjourn with closing prayer led by Mark Strobel
  - John Baird so moved; Leo Wilking seconded
  - Motion passed