



**Diocesan Council Budget Meeting
September 22, 2025, 7:00pm via zoom**

Present: Beth Lipp, Bishop Brian Thom, Jessica Krzewina, Ashley Hubbard, John Floberg, George Abdilnour, Rachel Schmidt, John Anderson, Leo Wilking, Susan Lisok, Jael Mogga, Jamie Parsley, Elsie Magnus, Tyrrell DeCoteau, Rafael DeCoteau, Donna Pettit, Amy Phillips (secretary)

Absent: John Baird, Jason Thoms, Robert Hoekstra, Lindsey Dwarf

I. Priest-in-charge position at St. Sylvan’s Dunseith and St. Paul’s White Shield

Bishop Thom announced that the position will not be posted at this time, instead waiting for the bishop-elect to have a role in deciding on this position. There may be more to announce about this position at the November Council meeting.

II. Standing Committee Action

Tyrrell announced that the Standing Committee has decided to put together a portfolio of Diocesan assets – properties, mineral rights, stocks, bonds, etc. Tyrrell and Jason will meet with each church of the Diocese to identify what is owned by each church so that the next Bishop will have this in a binder. It will also be made available to Diocesan Council, Finance Committee, etc. Jessica noted that Donna Pettit has found deeds at the Diocesan office and will be working with Jessica to put everything together in a digital portfolio. John Floberg noted that insurance records will also be updated in the portfolio. Diocesan funds will be budgeted for expenses related to this project.

III. Proposed 2026 Budget

John Floberg noted that this was intended to be a 5-year budget template, with the exception of the priest-in-charge position at St. John’s which would be for 3 years.

Jess reviewed the budget. Some questions were raised about use of the Real Estate Fund for the new Bishop’s stipend and about the cost of the priest-in-charge at St. John the Divine in Moorhead. Leo suggested amending the Real Estate policy if it is going to continue to be used for Bishop expenses in future budgets.

Beth moved, Elsie seconded that the Council accept the 2026 Budget as proposed by the finance committee. All voted in favor.