

## Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting | June 26, at 6 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Bishop Knisely, The Rev. Ed Beaudreau, The Rev. Christa Moore-Levesque, The Rev. Ricky Brightman, The Rev. Jack Lynch, Mr. Joel Gardner, Mr. Scott Hovanec, Mr. Robert Fye, The Rev. Beth Sherman, Ms. Alison Hoff, Ms. Olive Swinski, and Mrs. Vicki Escalera

**Staff:** Mr. Dennis Burton, Mr. Ed Biddle, and Rev. Dr. Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew

**Excused:** Ms. Teresa Valentine, Mr. Jim Segovis, Ms. Cheryl Abney, Ms. Phyllis Spaziano and The Rev. Tanya Watt

**Opening Devotion** – The Rev. Jack Lynch

The committee introduced themselves to the newest member, Alison Hoff.

**Bishop Knisely asked that the consent Agenda be approved. The items included on the consent agenda, listed below, passed unanimously.**

- ◆ Approve June Agenda
- ◆ Approve May Diocesan Council minutes
- ◆ Consent to Audit committee members appointment
  - The Rev. Mary Canavan
  - Mr. Greg deGrott
  - Mr. Stan Schofield
- ◆ Hallworth House “warm” lease agreement extension

### Canon’s Report

Canon Dena did not have updates beyond what was included in the distributed report. Canon Dena told the committee that we are looking for group leaders for the three adaptive challenge areas that were identified during the Council Workday; clergy shortage, essential ministry and resources, also known as business model in transition.

### CFO Report

- ◆ Mr. Biddle stated it was a tremendous opportunity for him to work alongside Mr. Burton during the transition.
- ◆ Mr. Biddle let the committee know we have a generally positive update for the year. Our budget was to have a deficit of over \$300K but it’s closer to \$100k due to some changes we have been able to make during the year and he is developing a budget for 2023. Mr. Biddle and Mr. Burton want to thank, The Rev. Peter Tierney, Chairman of the commission of Finance for giving the idea of forming a small working group to work on the budget.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Escalera has been involved with the budget preparations and is happy they found a way to balance the budget. Things are moving along quickly with the audit, and they are finalizing the financial statements and I have the assurance we will receive positive feedback from the auditors. Mrs. Escalera said they are making progress on the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) policy update.

## **Action Items**

A motion was made to recommend to the Diocesan Council that Trinity Church, Cranston be given a grant of \$5,500 from the Diocesan Resource Fund. **Motion passed**

- Moved by Commission of Finance

## **Bishop's Time**

Bishop Knisely thanked Mr. Dennis Burton for all his hard work. He discussed the General Convention which starts in two weeks. Following convention, he will be back in Rhode Island for a couple of weeks and then head out to England for the Lambeth conference.

**A motion was passed, to adjourn at 7:10 pm.**

- Moved by The Rev. Beth Sherman
- Second by Ms. Olive Swinski