

Diocesan Council Minutes

November 16, 2022

6:00 pm via Zoom

Present: The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Vicki Escalera, Margaret Clifton, Cheryl Abney, The Rev. Jack Lynch, The Rev. Beth Sherman, Bob Fye, Jim Segovis, The Rev. Tanya Watt, Olive Swinski, The Rev. Peter Tierney, Phyllis Spaziano, Alison Huff

Absent: The Rev. Christa Moore-Levesque, The Rev. Ed Beaudreau, The Rev. Al Marcetti, The Rev. Dcn. Ricky Brightman

Staff: Ed Biddle, The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Kristin Knudson-Groh

Opening Devotion Bishop Knisely

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda

Minutes from October 2022 meeting – Approved.

Staff Reports

- Canon to the Ordinary – written report submitted.
- Chief Financial Officer – written report submitted.
 - Endowment review – Petition to release funds from Widows and Orphans fund is proceeding.
 - Hallworth House Respite Program delayed – may not begin until January.

Finance Committee Report

- Treasurer - written report submitted.
 - Apportionment letters have been sent out.
 - Working on instructions for completing Parochial Reports.

Follow up – Racial Reconciliation Discussion - Olive Swinski and Phyllis Spaziano

Council (and other) minutes should be made accessible online as an accountability measure; policy decisions in Council be viewed as opportunities for self-reflection and fairness. The Bishop suggested that Council go through anti-racism training. There may be opportunities for ecumenical partnerships.

Action items

- Vote on dissolution of Center for Reconciliation 501c(3):
RESOLVED that the Diocesan Council approve the Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the CFR in a Special Meeting on 6/8/21 (see attached). Passed unanimously.
- Grant Request from Episcopal Peace Fellowship of RI, \$12,000 for Al Alhi Hospital, Jerusalem. Refer to Executive Committee.

Bishop's Time

Structural needs, to be elected at next meeting: Vice-Chair; Executive Committee members: two clergy, one lay; Liaison to CDC. Volunteers, please contact the Bishop or Kristin. Beth Sherman liaison to ECC, Peter Tierney liaison to Charities, Phyllis Spaziano liaison to CFR.

Spencer Reece has been announced as Vicar at St Paul's Wickford.

Thank you for the kind wishes on 10th Anniversary.

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Bob, seconded by Cheryl, at 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: December 21, 6pm on Zoom.