

## Diocesan Council Minutes

October 26, 2022

6:00 pm via Zoom

**Present:** The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Vicki Escalera, The Rev. Ed Beaudreau, The Rev. Al Marcetti, Joel Gardner, Cheryl Abney, The Rev. Jack Lynch, The Rev. Christa Moore-Levesque, The Rev. Dcn. Ricky Brightman, Scott Hovanec, The Rev. Beth Sherman, Bob Fye, Jim Segovis, The Rev. Tanya Watt, Olive Swinski, The Rev. Peter Tierney (ex officio)

**Absent:** Phyllis Spaziano, Alison Huff

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

### Opening Devotion – Joel Gardner

### Approval of Agenda

#### Consent Agenda - Approved

Approval of Minutes from September 2022 meeting.

Approval of Nominations Slate

Acceptance of Suglia Family Fund/RI Foundation grant \$500

### Staff Reports

- Canon to the Ordinary – written report submitted.
- Chief Financial Officer – written report submitted. Hallworth House plans proceeding, West Bay/State respite program to start in November. Expecting approval for ECC Solar Farm within 30 days.

### Finance Committee Report

- Treasurer - written report submitted. Convention report reviewed.
  - 2021 Audit results. Letter from auditors was circulated. Clean result.

### Action items

Review of final 2023 Budget – Change since last meeting: line item for Creation Care \$15,000 taken primarily from contingency. *A motion is made by the Commission on Finance to approve the Diocesan budget for 2023 as presented to the Commission on Finance by the Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese on October 13, 2022, as a budget totaling \$4,455,945, in revenue and \$4,455,945 in expenses. Passed.*

CDC Grant for St Elizabeth’s Church, Canochet. *A motion was made to approve St. Elizabeth’s, Hope Valley grant request of \$2,890 to fund additional hours for their priest for the rest of 2022 with the understanding that the money will come from the Commission on Congregational Development. Motion made by Jim Segovis, seconded by Joel Gardner,*

**Passed.** *Funding mechanism for 2023 will be worked out in a diocesan budgetary review COF/Executive Committee.* **Motion made by Scott Hovanec, seconded by Jack Lynch, Passed.**

DRF Grants for Trinity Church Cranston and Trinity Church Newport. *A motion was made by COF to recommend to Diocesan Council that Trinity, Cranston be given a grant of \$14,500 from the Diocesan Resource Fund, to recommend to Diocesan Council that Trinity, Newport be given a grant of \$20,000 from the Diocesan Resource Fund, and to recommend to Diocesan Council that \$5,120 be taken from the principal of the Diocesan Resource Fund and made available for grants in 2022.* **Passed**

### **Bishop's Time**

Thank you video from Bishop of South Sudan for support from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Bishop Isaac of the Diocese of Ezo is interested in resuming a relationship with us. We have been unable to connect with Bishop Henry of West Buganda since this Spring so we're not sure what is happening there. First meeting of CFR Advisory Board has happened. Canticle Communications has come onboard to assist with external communications.

Hearing that volunteers are getting harder to come by, especially for Treasurers and/or bookkeepers. We are considering ways to help with these services.

The Bishop is interim priest at St Paul's, Wickford, with Rev. Spencer Reese as his full time vicar.

The Bishop attended Sabbatical planning retreat the week prior to this meeting - training to help clergy with planning sabbatical. His own sabbatical is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 2023-Feb. 2024

Diana Butler Bass to speak next Friday and preach at Convention Eucharist.

Thanks to Mr. Scott Hovanec, The Rev. Al Marcetti, and The Rev. Dr. Jack Lynch, who are cycling off of the Council.

**Motion to adjourn: made by Scott Hovanec, seconded by Joel Gardner, Passed.**

**Next Meeting:** November 16, 2022