

## Diocesan Council Minutes

December 14, 2022

6:00 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Margaret Clifton, The Rev. Jack Lynch, The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, The Rev. Ed Beaudreau, The Rev. Peter Tierney, Cheryl Abney, Vicki Escalera, Olive Swinski, The Rev. Christa Moore-Levesque, Robert Fye, The Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Brightman, The Rev. Elizabeth Sherman, Alison Huff, The Rev. Tanya Watt

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

**Absent:** Phyllis Spaziano

**Guests:** Chris Schillaci, Canon Betsy Fornal, Emily Skeehan, Dwayne Keys

**Opening Devotion** - The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely

**Approval of Agenda** - Bob, Vicki

**Consent Agenda - Approved**

- Approval of Minutes from November 2022 meeting.
- Approval of Housing allowances for Diocesan clergy staff

**Creation Care Presentation – Chris Shillaci and Emily Skeehan**

Recap of 2022 activities – grants awarded, conference, worship activities. Plans for 2023 – Relief and Resilience Pilot Project. Assess hazards and needs, assets and potential to provide assistance, with goal to coordinate opportunities.

**Episcopal Charities – Canon Betsy Fornal**

Year-end report. Approval of Charities grants/Charities NOW grants. Report submitted in writing. In its 70<sup>th</sup> year.

*Moved* that Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Episcopal Charities Advisory Board for 2022 grants listed to be awarded in priority order based on the availability of funds. This will include the distribution of funds from the Annual fund, the Charities NOW fund, and interest from the Episcopal Charities Fund in the Diocesan Investment Trust. **Approved.**

Moved that Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Episcopal Charities Advisory Board for 2022 Grant distribution utilizing interest from the Susan Hudson Memorial Fund to the following:

- Rhode Island Free Clinic \$10,000
- Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic \$10,000
- Interfaith Counseling Center \$10,000

**Approved.**

Motion to approve \$1000 Charities NOW grant to St Thomas', Greenville for a coat drive. **Approved.**

### **Staff Reports**

- Canon to the Ordinary - written report submitted.
- Chief Financial Officer - written report submitted.

### **Finance Committee Report**

- Treasurer - written report submitted.

### **Action items**

- Approval of ECC Donor Agreements. Motion to accept, Peter, seconded by Ricky. **Approved.**
- Election of Executive Committee: Deacon Ricky, Margaret Clifton, Bob Fye, Jim Segovis. Cheryl Abney, Vice President. Jack moved to close nominations, seconded Alison. **Approved.** Jack moved to cast single ballot for slate, seconded by Olive. **Approved.** One clergy slot remains to be filled.

### **Bishop's Time**

The Bishop expressed thanks to staff and to clergy who have helped supply over the last year.

**Motion to adjourn:** moved by Ricky.

**Next Meeting:** January 25, 2023