

TO BE AN APOSTOLIC COMMUNITY, UNDER AUTHORITY, THAT BRINGS PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST

Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2018

PRESENT Council: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees - President; Mr. Stevie Barrington-Oates (2018) - Vice President; Fr. Noah Lawson (2020); Fr. Jim Snell (2020); Dcn. Dennis Mann (2018); Michael Finney (2019); Fr. Aaron Prosser (2019); Mrs. Wendy Johns (2020); Mr. Sandy Rogers (2020); Fr. Jack Estes (2019); Fr. David Miller (2018);

PRESENT Standing Committee: Fr. Mark Hall (2018*2020) - President; Fr. Mike Law (2019); Mrs. Kim Robinson (2018*2021); Mrs. Karen Frey (2019); Dcn. Ron Christolear (2018*2021),

Absent: Mr. Leroy Falk (2018); Mr. John Swiger (2020); Fr. John Roberts - (2018); Mr. Phil Jones (2018); Mr. Jim O'Neill (2019);

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Corey McLaughlin - Secretary; Mr. David Francis - Treasurer

1. Opening Prayer - Bp. Menees
2. Bible Study Bp. Menees
3. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
 - a. Modified to add point 6
 - b. Motion: Bishop
 - c. Second: Snell
 - d. Approved as amended
4. Minutes of June Meeting Mr. McLaughlin
 - a. Motion: Finney
 - b. Second: Mann
 - c. Approved
5. Financial Report - See complete written report Mr. Francis
 - a. June 2018
 - i. Receive Report for Audit for June
 1. Corrections verbally made to transposed figures in lines 14 and 15 of June's report; reflected in July's Budget Spreadsheet
 2. Issue of what to do with Worker's Comp refund raised
 - a. Fr. Snell suggested getting the formula etc. from the Worker's Comp people when they come for the audit on August 28. This was agreed by all to be a good plan.
 3. Motion to receive for audit: Snell
 4. Second: Finney
 5. Received
 - b. July 2018
 - i. Receive Report for Audit for July
 1. Motion to receive for audit: Mann
 2. Second: Rogers
 3. Received
 - c. Written Report for Posting - June

- i. “The expected percentage for income and expenditure is 50.0%. Actual income percentage is 56.9% and the expenditure percentage is 47.8% through June. Financial support for the diocese continues to be as projected” ~ David Francis, Diocesan Treasurer
 - d. Written Report for Posting - July
 - i. “The expected budget income/expenditure percentage is 58%. Actual income percentage to date is 62.5% and actual expenditure percentage is 54.8%. Tithe collections that were received by the 10th of the month contributed to a shortfall for the month in expenses. However, tithes received in the past week are in the range of the expected collections for a normal month. Despite the July shortfall,, the diocese continues to operate in the black for the year to date, and is expected to do so for the remainder of the calendar year.” ~ David Francis, Diocesan Treasurer
 - 1. Motion to publish both: Christolear
 - 2. Second: Miller
 - 3. Carried
6. Approval of Matching Grant Request from Kern Deanery Fr. Miller
- a. Proposal handed out in meeting, and emailed to all meeting remotely
 - b. Proposal for three congregations to join forces in funding a Youth Ministry Intern, requesting a matching grant of their combined contributions (\$7,500), where no match request from an individual congregation exceeds the \$3,000 grant limit established by the Bishop.
 - c. Also ask consideration of a renewal for a second year; they will apply for that for next year as it proves needed and appropriate
 - d. Motion to Approve: Miller
 - e. Second: Wendy Johns
 - f. Carried
 - g. Four Abstentions due to being from Kern Deanery (two from Council, two from Standing Committee)
7. Report from Budget Committee - See written report for line-by-line detail Mr. Francis
- a. Question of what to do with excess/unspent income from previous year; sense evolved to put it into savings and have it accessible there as it always is by Council action/direction
 - b. Line number 1 moved back to Tithe and the inserted “Beginning Balance” line is deleted from draft
 - c. Fr. Snell expresses concern about moving additional HSA funds to pay more into Bishop; discussion ensued.
 - i. It was generally agreed that we should review all Diocesan policies.
 - ii. It was also generally agreed that via this year’s budget “blessed excess,” from 2017 we should make up the deficit in pension that Bishop Menees didn’t receive in 2015, when he took a cut there to balance the budget.
 - iii. Bishop Menees left the room so that Council could discuss this issue of the funds from the deleted HSA line freely, to be called back when the matter is resolved.
 - d. Motion: Estes - That the Diocese pay the \$5,000.00 deficit to Bishop Menees’ Pension from the 2015 budget, this year in 2018.
 - i. Second: Rogers
 - ii. Carried

- e. Motion: Fr. David Miller - that the savings to the Diocese due to HSA being removed from budget - \$4,500 - be moved into Bishop Menees' salary as a salary increase for 2019.
 - i. Second: Prosser
 - ii. Discussion: Bishop had stated to David Francis that he did not want his salary to increase since we are in a declining situation overall; this motion could present bad optics. Others felt that six years was quite long enough without a raise for the Bishop, who works very hard for the Diocese
 - iii. 2 Nays, 7 Ayes; Motion Carried
- f. Excel Line 75 to be deleted from the Spreadsheet
- g. Motion to Adopt Proposed Budget as Amended: Lawson
 - i. Second: Mann
 - ii. Carried

- 8. Safe Environment Trainings Mr. McLaughlin
 - a. We will send out the related proposed policy and state it is part of an overall review of policies that will be proposed; state that it is not set in stone but is the inclination thus far as the review process of all policies takes place

- 9. Report on Diocesan Convention Preparations Mr. McLaughlin

10. Bishop's Report - See Written Report

- 11. Deanery Reports - See written reports Council

Adjourned: 1:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2018
Location: Diocesan Conference Room

STATUS: *APPROVED*