

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

Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2017

**PRESENT (all via Zoom):** Mr. Stevie Barrington-Oates (2018) - Vice President; Dcn. Dennis Mann (2018); Mr. Kevin Robinson (2017); Michael Finney (2019); Mr. Jim O'Neill (2019); Fr. Noah Lawson (2017); Fr. Aaron Prosser (2019); Dcn. Madeline Burton (2017); Fr. Jack Estes (2019); Fr. David Miller (2018); Mr. LeRoy Falk (2018);

**Absent:** Bishop Eric Vawter Menees - President; Izzy Flores (2017);

**STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT (all via Zoom):** Mr. Corey McLaughlin - Secretary; Mr. David Francis - Treasurer

1. Opening Prayer - Mr. Barrington-Oates
2. Bible Study - Fr. Estes
3. Agenda Approval Mr. McLaughlin
  - a. Motion: Prosser
  - b. Second: Finney
  - c. Approved
4. Minutes of August Meeting Mr. McLaughlin
  - a. Motion to Approve
    - i. Motion: Finney
    - ii. Second: Robinson
    - iii. 2 abstentions
    - iv. Approved
5. Financial Report - See complete written report Mr. Francis
  - a. Receive Report for Audit for August
    - i. Amendment to total expenditure adjusted to correct for calculation mistake
    - ii. Motion to receive for audit as amended: Robinson
    - iii. Second: Mann
    - iv. Received as amended.
  - b. Written Report for August posting
    - i. "The expected budget percentage is 66.7%. To date, the income percentage for the diocese is 98.5% and the expenditure percentage is 76.7%. As has been the case for essentially the entire year, tithe revenue to the diocese has far exceeded past year experience. Along with the ending balance from the 2016 year, the proposed budget for 2018 appears to be an appropriate expectation.
    - ii. " ~ David Francis, Diocesan Treasurer
    - iii. Motion: Finney
    - iv. Second: Burton
    - v. Carried

6. Subcommittee on Missions

- a. Bp. Menees has asked the following to serve: Fr. David Miller; Fr. Jack Estes; Mr. Kevin Robinson; Mr. Stevie Barrington-Oates
- b. Motion to Approve Appointments to Subcommission on Missions: Lawson
- c. Second: Prosser
- d. Carried

7. Applications for Admission

Mr. McLaughlin

- a. Christ Church of the Sierra - Reno, NV
  - i. Motion to approve application to Convention: Estes
  - ii. Second: Mann
  - iii. Carried
- b. St. Mark's - Loomis, CA
  - i. Need a motion, a second, and a third, to hold a vote by written consents (via email) for their approval. They cannot supply their materials until next week sometime, but that should still give plenty of time to approve them before 30 days prior to Convention (a preference, not a requirement per se)
  - ii. Motion: Finney
  - iii. Second: Estes
  - iv. Third: Burton
  - v. Carried; materials to be sent after receipt by the Diocesan Office, along with instructions for written-consent meeting.

8. Pastoral Update

- a. Cn. Franklin Mmor - Still no word
- b. St. Anselm - morale seems to be improving; Fr. Gubuan and the people of St. Francis continue to work with them closely; someone asked if - since they're being treated largely as a parochial mission, does that mean they have no voice or vote at Convention.
  - i. Mr. McLaughlin answered that their status remains unchanged officially, since Council has taken no action, nor has Convention, nor have they actually hit a point Canonically where that would be a *de facto* result. It's more of a pastoral position at this point. Unsaid: that would be a big deal, and is not a decision to be made without the Bishop being present and able to handle the fall-out.
- c. Our Lady of Guadalupe - Things are stabilizing financially. Bp. Menees is taking all of November's services for Padre, to help stave off a tail-spin into deeper burnout (definitely already some burnout present). Bishop Menees will be meeting with Our Lady's Bishop's Committee weekly in November, in order to train and support them

9. Deanery Reports - See written reports

Adjourned: 11:04am

Next Meeting: October 21 , 2017

Location: Diocesan Office 1300 E. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93710 (Conference Room in Ste. 131)

STATUS: *APPROVED*