

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

## Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes January 20, 2018

**PRESENT Council:** Bishop Eric Vawter Menees - President; Mr. Stevie Barrington-Oates (2018) - Vice President; Dcn. Dennis Mann (2018); Mrs. Wendy Johns (2020); Michael Finney (2019); Fr. Noah Lawson (2020); Fr. Jack Estes (2019); Fr. David Miller (2018); Fr. Jim Snell (2020); Mr. Jim O’Neill (2019); Mr. Leroy Falk (2018)

**PRESENT Standing Committee:** Fr. Mark Hall (2018\*2020) - President; Dcn. Ron Christolear (2018\*2021), Fr. Mike Law (2019), Mrs. Kim Robinson, Fr. John Roberts - (2018), Mr. Phil Jones (2018),

**Absent:** - Mrs. Karen Frey (2019), Mr. John Swiger (2020), Fr. Aaron Prosser (2019); Mr. Sandy Rogers (2020);

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

1. Opening Prayer - Bp. Menees
2. Business Meeting 10am in Parish Hall
3. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
  - a. Motion: Hall
  - b. Second: Lawson
  - c. Approved as amended to add discussion of executive session protocol
4. Minutes of December Meeting Mr. McLaughlin
  - a. Motion to Approve
    - i. Motion: Barrington-Oates
    - ii. Second: Christolear
    - iii. Approved as amended
  - b. Security: Zoom and Executive Session
    - i. Clarity that “Executive Session” must be only those physically present in the room
  - c. An undesignated Gift was given to the Diocese. In the December meeting, it was voted on to put \$3,300 into a janitorial line item on the budget, and the balance to the Bishop’s birthday anniversary line. The budget was also increased to \$460,500. This did not get reflected in the Minutes from December, which was noticed during the Financial report of the January meeting.
    - i. Motion to Further Amend December Minutes: Miller
    - ii. Second: Christolear
    - iii. Carried
5. Financial Report - See complete written report Mr. Francis
  - a. December 2017 and 2017 Year End
    - i. Receive Report for Audit for December and 2017
      1. Motion to receive for audit: Snell

- 2. Second: Estes
- 3. Received for audit
- ii. Written Report for posting
  - 1. “The appropriate December expenditure/income percentage should be 100%. The final percentages for the year are 114.9% for expenditure and 141.9% for income. In retrospect, the tithe collections to the diocese have exceeded \$500,000.00 for the past several years and 2017 was no exception. Each year’s budget is a plan for the fiscal needs of the diocese. Regardless of the conditions each fiscal year may present, staff will continue to manage the tithe resources to maximize use of those gifts for the Glory of God and the best outcomes for the entire diocese.” ~ David Francis, Diocesan Treasurer
  - 2. Motion: Lawson
  - 3. Second: Robinson
  - 4. Approved
- b. 2018 Budget Adjustment Proposal Discussion
  - i. Adjustment to Bookkeeper salary and Raul
    - 1. Bookkeeper was budgeted \$42,000.00
    - 2. Carol retired, now part-time bookkeeper at \$20/hr
    - 3. Raul now upped to 5 days per week
  - ii. ACNA West Examining Chaplains - \$1,500.00
  - iii. Enhance Bishop’s Travel
  - iv. Will send electronically
- c. 2017 Surplus Funds Use
- d. Audits

6. Review of Diocesan Vision/Mission & Core Values

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7. Vision casting for one year and five years

DC/SC

8. Goal Setting for 2018

- a. Overall discussion DC/SC
  - i. Planting and seed-money (capital campaign to build that “pot”)
  - ii. Transition period assistance, especially as churches take more ownership via the new Constitution and Canons changes
    - 1. Materials such a lists of protocols? Lists of things to do?
    - 2. Maybe appoint a committee of people who know what needs to be done, who can compile information and coordinate with Deans?
- b. S1:
  - i. a) Bishop in each Deanery
  - ii. b) Deployment of licensed lay catechists
  - iii. c) Deanery Quiet Days
- c. S2:
  - i. a) Church Planting Exploratory Committee/Strategic Mission Plan
  - ii. b) Recruitment and re-establishment of existing congregations
- d. S3:
  - i. a) Develop Checklist for Congregations and Responsibilities

- ii. b) Equipping and supporting second cohort of Lay Catechist Class
- iii.
- e. S4:
  - i. a) Audit Plan

9. Bishop's Report - See Written Report

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10. Deanery Reports - See written reports

Council

Adjourned: 2:35pm

Next Meeting: March 17, 2017

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

STATUS: *APPROVED*