

Meeting of the Diocesan Council 2 May 2015 Teleconference

Present: Nancy Moore, Rita Steadman, Peter Bickford, Mark Spahr, Elizabeth Phipps, Cindy Beaulieu, Jane Schroeder, Tim Higgins, Rebecca Grant, Tim Walmer, Fred Fowler, Betsy York, Tim Fleck, Kim Wallace, Linda Cappers, Laura Peckham, Dick Rozene, Joe Riddick, Claudia Smith

Absent: Liz Graves, Lu-Anne Connor

Staff Present: Nina Pooley, Terry Reimer, Jane Hartwell

After roll call, meeting convened with morning prayer at 9:00 am.
Claudia Smith leads.

Approval of the minutes 21 February 2015

Moved and seconded to approve as printed. After vote, they were approved.

2015 First Quarter Financial Reports

Dick spoke on this.

Wanted to highlight some congregations and their assessments.

Rangeley - having some financial hardship right now (waiting for receipt of April assessment before contacting)

Watching Brownville, Skowhegan, Lisbon, Winn (treasurer passed away) and Terry is working with the leadership in Winn to retrieve/resolve financial records. Saco was 5 months behind at close of 2014; Terry and Dick met with Fr. Robinson to discuss plans and options. Saco is aware that outstanding assessment needs to be paid by September or lose vote at Convention. Dick and Nina+ are meeting with Gardiner vestry in May.

After some questions and comments, it was moved and seconded that we approve the first quarter financials. After vote, it was passed.

2016 Budget Process

Nina Pooley spoke on 2016 Income Estimates.

At this point, income estimates are close to the budgeted diocesan income for 2015. As in the past, those congregations which were late in submitting 2014 parochial reports had their projected assessment at 75% of 2014 assessment.

Tim Fleck asked whether we might change the exemption to a congregation's assessment on the first NOI from \$10,000 to \$25,000 (or some other figure). Terry said that comes from Convention. So if someone wanted to change that, it needs to be done at convention as part of a resolution to the 2016 budget. Dick asked Tim to send an e-mail to Finance Committee to ask them to discuss it at one of their meetings to see what it would look like for numbers.

Nina spoke for Finance Committee and they are asking Council to give Finance Committee the ability to review all requests first to be a type of "traffic cop" to assure the requests go to the correct place. Rebecca opposed to the process because it interferes with the grant process.

Many people were having a hard time hearing everything said so don't want to make any decisions based on half heard things. Asking for us to find a way to have a computer based meeting where we can all see each other at some point to decide on this issue.

There were a couple of things that Finance Committee needed to be decided before we ended in order to work on the budget.

Adding Michael Ambler as signer on the bank account and the checks

Moved and seconded that we do that and after vote it was carried.

Release of reserve of \$1,840.00 for St. Anne's Calais

Moved and seconded to release the money. After vote it was carried.

Strategic Mission Support: published and deadline May 31, 2015

Ask Canons to follow up with congregations to make sure they have all information needed and whether they're aware of the deadline.

There were a few things on the agenda that did not get addressed but they can wait until our next meeting. They are on the next page of these minutes in case we need to refer back to them at some point.

After much difficulty with the communication, the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Meeting reconvened on May 19, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Guidelines for Incoming Grant Request

See document on basecamp: *Guidelines for Addressing Incoming Grant Requests*

Nina spoke on this and Terry gave information and clarification as needed

Terry proposed that we put out the first three points of the Finance Committee's document as a guideline for the funding for the next budget. Omit 4 and 5 for now.

Specific Business pertaining to Granting Processes

Strategic Mission Support:

Grant application available, deadline May 31, 2015 *

(Canons were to contact the parishes who have received aid in the past and check in with them.)*

Release of reserve funds for Calais *

Mission Priorities Committee: Applications from Program Groups

Nancy spoke on this. She would like to do a global invitation on Basecamp for people to join the committee then do follow up as needed.

Survey Monkey questions "2016 Mission Support for Programs" are ready.

Will be posted in the DioLog as soon as info is available.

Barb/Teresa will export applications for the Committee meeting this summer.

New Initiative Grant Process

Terry spoke on this. Terry and Jane will track changes to process and update. There was discussion about question 13 regarding poverty in Maine. If council wants to remove it, it can be removed. Everyone agreed so it will be taken out.

Update: Seeds of Hope (Terry)

The Board has worked hard to catch up

payroll cash only basis

Lease agreement to put all cost on their shoulders

Council things to Seeds of Hope have been met

Update re: Capital Campaign

Terry spoke on this as did Fred.

After no further business, comments or questions, there was a motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.