

Diocesan Council
10 September 2016
Trinity Lutheran Church, South Paris, ME

Present: Stephen Lane, Nina Pooley, Terry Reimer, Dick Rozene, Laura Peckham, Mark Spahr, Kevin Kinsey, Betsy York, Lael Sorenson, Jane Hartwell, Fred Fowler, Nancy Moore, Corey Walmer, Paul Beaudette, Peter Bickford, Kim Wallace, Craig Hacker, Michael Ambler.

Absent: Liz Graves, Joe Riddick, Heidi Shott, Tim Fleck, Elizabeth Phipps, Gail Chandler, Jane Schroeder

The morning began with morning worship led by Nina Pooley

Review minutes of June 2016 meeting
After vote, it was approved.

Finance Committee Report

- Review Second Quarter 2016 Financials
Dick spoke on this.

Lisbon – renegotiated building loan. Assessment for 2015 now paid and working on 2016. Now 3 months behind.

Deer Isle – 3 months behind. Michael Ambler has been there. FC hoping to meet with them to discuss.

Saco – did not pay in full for 2015. Referred to Bishop for action. But they are paying their 2016 assessments.

Motion and passed to accept pending audit. After vote, passed.

Current year budget – Nina spoke on this.

Jubilee Center amount of \$5000.01 to be added to budget.

FC recommends that budget be increased by .01 so that each Jubilee Center gets \$1666.67. Split fairly three ways. Because....math.

After discussion, there was a motion to change the budget and seconded. After vote, it was passed.

Lovett Grant, FC moved and seconded to St. Nicholas Scarborough. After vote it was approved.

Emergency Fund (in the budget it's a grant not a loan) Craig to talk to Calvin about his experience as a government contractor to give him some inside information that may be helpful to them in the future.

Grant was given by the Bishop to St George's York Harbor daycare center due to them being behind in reimbursements from state and federal government.

- Review Proposed 2017 Budget Report

Nina and Terry spoke on this.

- o Assessment Rate – dropping the rate from 15.4 to 15.0
- o Income Projections
- o Mission Priorities – Paul spoke on this a little bit
- o Strategic Mission Support – Nina spoke on this.
 - Palmyra – put money in reserve
 - Houlton - \$8000 plus \$2000 in reserve. Plus \$1000 to EYE
 - Calais - \$10,000 in reserve - \$1000 in reserve for Art Camp
 - Rangeley – did not apply. Money sitting in reserve.
 - Dover/Brownville – put money in reserve to figure out division.
 - Aroostook Cluster – put in reserve to discuss configuration.
- o Bishop and Staff
 - Living Local – Bishop spoke on this. This is our fee for doing this.
 - Bishopswood support – Bishop spoke on this also.
- o Added / Change Line Items

- ♣ EYE (triennial youth event travel fund)
- ♣ Episcopate Transition
- ♣ Diocesan Anniversary
- ♣ Jubilee Centers Grant Reserve
- ♣ Line items formerly funded by ECW funds Compensation Committee Report 187100 190113

After a short break, meeting reconvened.

Peter talked about the Compensation Committee report.

Spoke on resolutions that will be coming to convention for vote.

New Initiative Grants (Round 2)

St. Elizabeth's - Mandala Prayer Circle – Fred Fowler – give money from Jubilee Center in the budget for funding. Moved and seconded. After vote, it was passed.

St. James – The Wilson Center – Rita Steadman - \$1000 maybe from Campus Ministry money instead of NIG. Motion and seconded to not fund it thru NIG. After vote, it was passed.

St. Patricks – The Artful Spirit Connection – Mark Spahr – Motion and second for \$5000 for start up costs and promotion. After vote, it was passed.

St. Peters – Welcoming the Stranger – Craig Hacker – Nancy moved and seconded to not fund. After vote, it was passed.

St. Brendans – Investment Group – Jane Hartwell – withdrew their request.

St. Peters – Dinner Church – Kim Wallace – Craig motioned and there was a second to give \$2500. After vote, it was passed.

The Bishop did his report.

Bishopswood update

Cathedral update

Loring House update

St. Mark's Augusta update

Pre Convention Meetings and 2016 Convention Preview

“Living Local, Joining God”

Poverty Grant Applications – Budget line items

- .7% International Development - \$12,000 available

\$12,000 from one - \$6000 from the other

Rita moved and seconded to offer each \$6,000 from the available monies. After vote it was passed.

- .3% Domestic – \$5,000 available

Lael moved that \$3000 be given to St. Bart's for housing for their home.

Peter moved and seconded to amend amount to \$5000. After vote, it was passed.

Vote on 2017 proposed Budget

Moved to commend this budget to convention.

Moved by Treasurer, that the Episcopate rate be set at 1.75 per communicant in good standing. After vote, it was passed.

Other Business

- Michael Ambler spoke more in depth on Living Local

After the Bishop's blessing, the meeting adjourned.