

Diocesan Council Meeting – March 4, 2017

St. Andrews Winthrop Friends Meeting House

Present: Kevin Kinsey, Nancy Mooers, Laura Peckham, Judith Cox, Gail Chandler, Jason Briggs, Paul Beaudette, Jane Hartwell, Fred Fowler, Dick Rozene, Nina Pooley, Terry Reimer, Craig Hoecker, Stephen Lane, John Balicki, Peter Bickford, Nancy Moore, Tim Fleck, Lael Sorensen, Tom Ward, Michael Ambler, Liz Graves, Corey Walmer, Mark Spahr, Heidi Shott

Absent: Kim Wallace, Rita Steadman

The meeting was convened at 9:00 am.

After review of the minutes from December 2016 meeting - moved and seconded to approve them as posted.

Dick spoke on the Finance Committee Report

Some highlights of the 2016 Budget – 161600 & 163407 & 163409

Assessments, summer chapels, 182120, 190500, 192003, 190111, 182605, 180800

Congregations in Arrears

* Lisbon – currently 6 months out but finished the year (2016) 7 months out

* Saco – 5 months in arrears

It is the recommendation of the FC that this be passed onto the Standing Committee.

Terry spoke that failure to pay assessments keeps them from being considered “in good standing” and to be represented at Convention.

St. Mark's Augusta, Bar Harbor, Dover Foxcroft, St. Lukes & St Peters Portland, Waterville & Wilton current as of end of 2016.

Nina spoke on the year end financials and end of year adjustments/carryovers.

Details End of year financials for 2016:

Expenses – under budget:

The SMS Reserve, Convention, Diocesan Council, IT savings, Bishop and staff pension number, Living Local from reserve

Recommendations for allocation of funds: Requests/needs/roll overs:

1) MENJ request: roll over line 180800 at \$2,934.11 with additional funds requested as the adjusted 2017 funding - \$4,685.89

Recommendation: that \$7620 be expensed to line 180800 for MENJ, and credited to a reserve created for Advocacy.

2) International Outreach (roll over International Poverty Grant, unexpended in 2016) Granted to Trinity, Portland for a school in Sudan, in 2016. Very slow going.

Recommendation: that the funds (\$6,000) be moved into the outreach reserve line 160705 subject to reconsideration before the December council meeting, when these funds will be allocated, either to this or to another project.

3) Living Local Program - higher cost (per conversation between Michael and Terry)

Recommendation: to expense line 182605 in the amount \$15,000 for 2016, and move to the reserve for leadership development line 163407.

The Remaining Balance of \$86,029 to Path to Clergy Ministry Reserve Rationale: In 2016 the Bishop needed the budgeted funds for the ordination process (50K) and 30K of reserve. The remainder of the funds from 2016 would replenish the reserve, providing our Bishop the latitude to contribute to the ordination process. We feel this is a strong,

positive statement of investment in the future health and well-being of the Diocese and the Church.

Recommendation: move the remainder (\$86,029) to Path to Clergy Ministry Reserve, line 163409.

2016 Other Business: Parish Assessments for 2016 (Lisbon and Saco)

2017 Budget Items SMS follow up 2017: Calais, the Cluster, the Pairing, Houlton, Palmyra

Recommendation: To reaffirm the decision of the Dec council meeting: “that the Cluster allocation reflect the percentage each parish contributes to the 2017 Cluster income.” Without object, reaffirmed.

Looking to the 2018 Budget:

SMS and MP application processes begin in Spring Parochial report follow up, +/- variance of 10% Personnel /Sub groups of Finance (Nina will be on sabbatical) Finance Chair responsibilities shared by Lael Sorensen and Nancy Moore

SMS - Lael Sorensen, Chair MP – a member of finance committee ex officio on MP group - Fred Fowler

Other items to keep before Diocesan Council:

Working group examining Winn, Rumford and SMS process

How will this affect the SMS process for 2018?

Working group and the Wilson Center proposal What are we funding?

Timing with the budget process – by early August

After vote, recommendations passed.

Clergy Ministry Reserve - recommendation passed after vote.

Motion to receive.... – after vote, it was passed

After a short break, the meeting reconvened.

Consideration of New Initiative Fund grants applications – First Round
\$18,466 requested - \$25,000 available.

St. Anne's Calais – Youth Movement into the Wide Community

Paul spoke on this. Moved by Peter to fund entirely and seconded by Paul. After vote, it was passed.

St. Mary's Falmouth – Intergenerational Choir

Heidi spoke on this. Moved by Laura to fund entirely and seconded by Corey. After vote, it was passed.

St. Peter's Rockland – RAISE

Lael spoke on this. Moved by Nancy and seconded by Nina to fund entirely. After vote, it was passed.

The Bishop then spoke on the Mutual Study of Ministry Report (posted to Basecamp) and asked for comments and/or questions.

After lunch, the meeting reconvened at 12:40.

Michael Ambler spoke on Living Local.

Jane Hartwell spoke on the Spring Training. This year it is on April 29. Jane asked for some ideas for another place possibly for 2018.

Jane Hartwell spoke about some changes in Youth Events.

Summer Finale week at Bishopswood will be an all ages camp for a week for the week of August 21st.

Wilson Center Task Group – will get a report to the Finance Committee.

The Bishop then did his report to council.

Communication from the diocese will be electronic. There will be no first class letters sent out. He asks everyone to open e-mails and such.

- Annual Clergy Retreat Report
- Clergy Day (with Dr. Donna Hicks) – coming up on May 2nd
- Deacon Formation Update
- Haiti work

Other Business

Diocesan Bicentennial (2020) Team Formation

Canon Michael Ambler did the closing prayer and the Bishop gave his blessing and the meeting ended at 3:00 pm.