

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MAINE



Meeting of the Diocesan Council

7 March 2020

St. John Baptist, Thomaston

Present: Thomas Brown, Suzanne Roberts, Peter Jenks, Nancy Moore, Melissa Sparks, Nancy Mooers, Ginny Urbanek, Michael Ambler, Sarah D'Angio White, Michael Douglas, Lynn Rutledge, Gail Chambers, Paul Beaudette, Christine, Tom Ward, Steven Ward, Rita Redfield, Kim Wallace, Ann McAlhany, Dick Rozene, Terry Reimer, Lael Sorensen, John Hennessey, John Balicki.

The meeting opened with morning prayer at 9:20AM.

Following morning prayer, The Bishop moved to adopt the agenda. Following motion and vote, it was adopted

Following review of the minutes of the 13-14 December 2019 meeting and motion to accept, vote was taken and they were approved.

The Bishop then asked Dick Rozene to speak on the Finance Committee Report Part One.

2019

- Year End Financials
- End of year adjustments

Terry then spoke about the work of balancing the budget.

Moved by FC – money from SMS to balance the budget and to use this yearly as needed.

Following discussion and vote, it was passed.

Following a short break, Mike Douglas gave a presentation on Bishopswood.

Following noonday prayers, council broke for lunch at Broke for lunch at 12:40

The meeting reconvened at 1:10 with Finance Committee Report Part Two which Lael Sorensen spoke on.

2020

- SMS Adjustments – FC moved that adjustment from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to St. Ann’s Calais for 2020 SMS Grant

Following vote, it was approved.

- Lovett Grant – FC moved that St. Thomas, Winn be awarded \$4500 for building project

Following vote, it was approved.

Lael then asked for a few people from Council to check policies for applying for Lovett Grant to see if they need to be updated and report back at June meeting.

Lynn, Christine and Rita agreed to work on it

- Bicentennial Celebration financial projection adjustments – FC stated that the Bicentennial Committee is on budget

New Initiative Grants

Kim spoke on these

Rumford – Essentials pantry - \$3000 – open one Saturday per month. Cost is for start-up costs. Moved and seconded – following vote, grant is awarded.

Waterville – Labyrinth - \$7,000 – on St. Mark’s property. Moved and seconded – following vote, grant is awarded.

Brunswick – St. Paul’s turning property into housing for community. Feasibility study and architectural plans. \$10,000. There was a motion to amend and a second to give \$7000 instead of \$10,000. Following vote, motion is denied. Then motion and second to fund fully at \$10,000 – following vote, grant is awarded.

Bishop’s Report

More talk about the Bicentennial Celebration includes many things, already done a couple of them, including a historic service at Christ Church, Gardiner. In addition, a frontal made

by Dn. Stephanie Batterman.....chalice and paten project.....and Evensong on All Saints Day.

Biggest piece is Stephanie Spellers and PB.

John Hennessey then spoke on venue changing from Cross Center to UM Orono Memorial Gymnasium for PB celebration.

7 days for reports to go out to council. Requested by Council.

The Bishop then spoke about members of diocesan staff vs. consultants

Emily Keniston is a consultant and Mark Spahr is a consultant.

John Hennessey is leading the search for the Director of Communications but the Bishop has an advisory group made up of Paul Beaudette, Peter Jenks, Betsy McCandless, and Pat Ryan – to help him make the decision.

Clergy Day Committee – advisory body to Bishop about what the clergy in the diocese need for their own formation and connect with each other. Susannah Rohman and Claudia Smith will co-chair.

Spoke on decision to cancel Spring Training and info regarding Gretchen Lane's funeral. What timing is good to have Spring Training? Better being earlier in the spring.

Spoke on COVID-19 – we are thinking about this. Offering plates, draining the fonts, not using the common cup, may be leading up to intinction will not be permitted.

Some things that the Bishop would like to have on the agenda for the June meeting. Committee on Indian Relations – meet with some members of the committee who are ready to meet with Council and figure out how to make that work. And continue conversation on Mission Strategy.

Feedback and direction where we in Maine are going to lend our voices in the public square. John Hennessey will continue his work in advocacy. Bishop looking for clarity on where he can use his voice. What things to speak to and change.

Jubilee centers – we will have 3 in this diocese. All completely different. Bridging the Gap should be included.

Council adjourns to Executive Session at 3:15.

3:30 PM Closing Prayers/Bishop's Blessing / Depart in Peace

March 15	Visitation: Boothbay Harbor
March 20/21	Funeral: Gretchen Lane, Rochester, NY
March 22	Visitation: Blue Hill
March 26	Jump Start Program with Staff
March 28	"Called to Serve" HS Youth event, Waterville
March 29	Visitation: Skowhegan
March 31	Chrism Eucharist: Bangor
April 4	Turkey Dinner: Palmyra
April 5	Visitation: Brownville Junction / Dover-Foxcroft
April 12	Visitation: Hallowell
April 15-24	Pilgrimage to England
April 25	Consecration: DioMO
May 1	Evangelism 101 with Cn. Stephanie Spellers: Bangor
May 2	Bicentennial Celebration with PB Curry: Orono
May 3	Regional Confirmation: Cathedral
May 10	Visitation: Trinity, Portland
May 21-25	Clayton, NY
May 28	Parish Admin Collaborative: Brewer
May 31	Visitation: Gardiner
June 6	Diocesan Council: Brewer

Dio Council Upcoming..... Saturday, Sept 19th: TBD and Friday, Dec 11th / Saturday Dec 12th: is it the will of the Council to gather in Portland?

Diocesan Convention..... Saturday, October 17th, USM Hannaford Hall, Portland