

Diocese of Easton
Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024

Present:

The Rt Rev Santosh Marray, President
Gordon Fronk, Esq., Vice President

Class of '24

Linda Hurley
Nancy Linck
James Martinez

Class of '25

Rev Dcn Barbara Coleman
Gordon Fronk
Rev Michael Lokey

Class of '26

Chrissy Aull, Sec'y
Granville Blades
Kay Ferraro
Rev. Dcn Jim Kamihachi
Rev. Dr. Nicholas Sichangi

Adjunct

John Dragone, Canon to Ordinary
Charlie Bohn, Treasurer
Rev. Dr. Darcy Williams – leading MMR

Standing Committee - present for MMR

The Very Rev. David Michaud, President
Rev. Dcn Lisa Webb
Dr. James Cockey

Rev. Steve Mosher

Apologies – Mr. Fred Welsh

Absent?

Call to Order 6:04 by Mr. Fronk

A Quorum was noted, timekeeper assigned.

Bishop Marray opened with prayer

Rev. Dr. Darcy Williams led a Mutual Ministry Review and kept notes of the review.

Rev. Darcy offered update regarding upcoming Convention.

Following MMR, the members of the Diocesan Council remained to begin regular business meeting. Standing Committee and Rev. Darcy were thanked and excused.

Business meeting convened at 7:30.

Approval of Nov. 15 '23 Budget Mtg Minutes, Mike Lokey motioned, Andrew Cropper seconded, unanimously approved.

Approval of regular meeting minutes Nov. 27, 2023

Mike Lokey motioned, Andrew seconded, vote unanimous

Treasurer's Report – Charlie Bohn

2023 is running right on budget.

33/39 pledges for 2024 are in; all but 5 are 100%; projecting \$60,000 less in revenue than if all parishers were to pledge 100%.

Discussion turned to the Hillsboro property – not yet sold, costs to prepare and sell could approach \$50,000.

Easton Episcopal Funds are currently up by 15% from last year and doing very well

St. Andrew's Hurlock needs an additional signatory on its bank account; following some discussion/clarification, a motion to approve Charlie Bohn and Bishop Marray as signatories, was made by Barbara Coleman, seconded by Nicholas Sichangi, and unanimously approved. Resolution had been prepared by staff, to be signed by Secretary to Council

Updated '24 Budget presentation – paper version with data distributed

Highlights - the proposed budget is modified to reflect the reduced projected revenue (pledges) of 60,000. with several parishes yet to pledge,

Rev Mike Lokey moved to approved th draft as the final proposed Budget for 2024, seconded by Kay Ferraro, and unanimously approved.

Reports

- A. Title IV - Bishop Marray advised that he is not able to share details given the status of the matter.
- B. Property Committee – Rev Mike reiterated that the Hillsboro property has not yet settled and that there will be additional expenses anticipated including possibly a new well. There are other properties available for sale but surveying issues are temporary obstacles.
- C. Vienna parish – Fr. Morgan has not communicated as to status of considered closure and it is therefore not yet considered closed. John Dragone is monitoring and seeking to communicate with Rev Morgan and referenced a goal to meet with the parish in March.
- D. Greenhill Cemetery - Property Committee has recommended closure of the Greenhill Cemetery to any new burials, other than one currentp lot owner who is in Hospice. Pending legal advice

from the Chancellor, Rev Mike Lokey moved closing Greenhill Cemetary, James Martinez seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

D. Resolution for St. Andrew's Hurlock – previously addressed

E. Camp Wright – Ms. Zahn Director of CW not present.

Discussion regarding the overall needs and financial health of CW, with a motion to hire a professional fundraiser to raise funds dedicated to Camp Wright with note to needs for waterfront restoration. Discussion followed as to merits of the motion, noting a need to first determine all capital needs and ability of CW to raise adequate funds. Motion withdrawn. The Diocesan Council wishes to be aware of the needs of CW and to participate in proposed remedies. James Martinez, a member of the CW committee, agreed to carry this message back to the members and staff of CW. Mr. Martinez readily agreed to liaise with the Camp Wright Committee.

F. Bishop Marray provided an update for his upcoming sabbatical which he will renew from May 8-June 8 as his sabbatical of last year was made short due to professional concerns requiring his attention. Bishop Marray expressed his appreciation for the service of the outgoing class of the Diocesan Council – Linda Hurley, James Martinez, Rev Dcn Barbara Coleman and Nancy Linck. He shared his appreciation for Rev Darcy Williams for her service in leading the Mutual Ministry Review.

Members are asked to be present at the upcoming Leadership Retreat on March 23, 2024 at Trinity Cathedral, Easton. This is an in-person gathering, there will not be a Zoom link offered.

Bishop offered prayer to close the meeting.
Adjourned 8:35.

