

Episcopal Diocese of Montana
Minutes of Diocesan Council Conference Call
January 27, 2018

Diocesan Council held its quarterly meeting via conference call, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018.

Attendance. Council members participating were: Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., The Rev. Richard Reynolds, The Rev. Randy Pendergraft, Manny Hoag, Barbara Schultz, Sandy Williams, George Kimmet, The Rev. Janis Hansen, Cynthia Hoelscher, The Rev. Connie Campbell Pearson, and The Rev. Donnel O’Flynn. Council members Rick Harden and The Rev. Joan Yetter were absent. Also participating in the call were: Barb Hagen, Canon for Administration and Finance; The Rev. Steven Yurosko, Diocesan Treasurer; and Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary.

Call to Order. Bishop Brookhart offered the opening prayer. With a quorum participating, the conference call was called to order by Bishop Brookhart. The agenda, previously distributed via email, was accepted as printed.

Introduction of New Council Member. Bishop Brookhart introduced The Rev. Donnel O’Flynn, as a new member of Diocesan Council. Rev. O’Flynn will serve a 1-year term to complete the un-expired term of The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger, who resigned from Diocesan Council to serve on the Standing Committee.

OLD BUSINESS.

Minutes of November 4, 2017 Conference Call. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the November 4, 2017 Diocesan Council Conference Call were approved as presented.

Financial Reports. Diocesan Treasurer, The Rev. Steven Yurosko, and Canon for Finance, Barb Hagen, presented the December 31, 2017 financial statements. It was noted that 5 churches have not yet paid their January 2018 assessment. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the December 31, 2017 financial statements were approved as presented.

Acceptance of Finance Department Minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council members acknowledged receipt of Minutes of the January 18, 2018 Department of Finance meeting held via conference call.

Deficit Budget Follow-Up Report. Of the 35 parishes in the Diocese, 9 of them have paid the additional voluntary monthly assessment in an effort to cover the deficit in the 2018 Diocesan Budget.

Salary for New Bishop. Bishop Brookhart suggested the starting salary for the new Bishop should be comparable to the salary of the Superintendent of the Helena District Public Schools.

Parish Audit Update. Barb Hagen reported the Diocesan Office has received 2016 Audit Reports from every parish in the Diocese, with the exception of Gethsemane in Manhattan. The Rev. Connie Campbell Pearson stated Manhattan's Audit is in the mail.

Camp Marshall Capital Campaign Update. Bishop Brookhart reported that to date, churches and individuals have pledged \$612,601.50 to the Camp Marshall Capital Campaign, of which \$491,293.07 has already been received. The goal of the Campaign is to raise \$750,000.00. Additionally, The Bishop Fox Company has donated \$650,000.00 to the Campaign. Construction on Brewer Lodge is underway and progressing nicely.

NEW BUSINESS.

Statements of Grant Accountings. Council members reviewed and acknowledged receipt of Statements of Grant Accountings from the following parishes:

1. Faber Fund Grant of \$8,350.00 to Christ Church in Sheridan for the restoration of a large round "rose" stained-glass window on the south side of the nave of the Church. This project included the removal, repair, re-leading and protection of the largest stained-glass window in the Church.
2. Faber Fund Grant of \$7,000.00 to Christ Church in Kalispell for the replacement of the Parish house roof, including the removal of old shingles, installation of new underlayment and sheathing, and the installation of new asphalt shingles.
3. Faber Fund Grant of \$10,000.00 to St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena for the patching and re-paving of the Cathedral's parking lot.

Closure of St. Matthew's Church in Glasgow. With the closure of St. Matthew's Church in Glasgow, the Diocesan Office has received \$79,992.93 from St. Matthew's checking account, and \$13,870.44 from St. Matthew's investment account. The total amount received, \$93,862.97, has been placed in the Faber Fund. It was noted the church building is currently for sale. In addition, the Glasgow Church owns 625 acres of farm land by Shelby, which is currently leased. The Standing Committee is considering the sale of this farm land.

Funding Request from Commission On Ministry. Council members reviewed a special budget request from the Commission On Ministry in the amount of \$2,900.00 to cover additional expenses, including increased fees for Education for Ministry, General Ordination Exams, meeting expenses and Lay Discernment Committee Training. Upon

motion duly made and seconded, the allocation of an additional \$2,900.00 to the Commission On Ministry's 2018 budget was unanimously approved.

Camp Marshall Staffing. Bishop Brookhart announced Wren Blessing is resigning effective March 1, 2018 to become Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Bainbridge Island, Washington. Bishop Brookhart has named Sue LaRose as the Interim Executive Director for Camp Marshall for this coming summer. Additionally, Wren Blessing will hire a Program Director for the 2018 Camp season before her departure from the Diocese of Montana.

Resignation of Council Member, Rick Harden. Bishop Brookhart announced Rick Harden has resigned from Diocesan Council, as he was elected to serve a 3-year term on the Standing Committee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council members agreed to leave this position vacant until the Diocesan Convention in October 2018.

Future Diocesan Council Meetings. Future meetings of the Diocesan Council are as follows:

April 28, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.	(in-person - St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena)
June 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.	(in-person - St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena)
November 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.	(conference call)

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made and seconded, the conference call was adjourned by Bishop Brookhart at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary