



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Saturday, September 14, 2013
Church of St. Andrew & St. Monica, Philadelphia

MINUTES

Attendance (arranged by Deanery)

Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel

Brandywine: Matt Ryan, Rev. Carolyn Huff

Bucks:

Delaware: Rev. Greg Wilson, Janet Ross

Merion: Richard Bauer, Rev. Jane Cornman, George Vosburgh

Montgomery: Joe Madison,

Pennypack: Rev. Jonathan Clodfelter, Peter Datos, Carole Baxter

Schuylkill: William Berry, Richard Dill

Southwark: Rev. Joy Segal, Paul Yaros

Valley Forge: Rev. Sandra Etemad, Beverly Loftus

Wissahickon: Victoria Sicks Patricia Smith

Guests: Jeanette Woehr, Judy Madison, Rev. Sam Adu-Andoh, Rob Rogers, Mary Kohart

1. Call to Order

Mr. Paul Yaros

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Paul Yaros

"How will what we are doing here affect or involve people living in poverty?"

2. Scripture Reflection (5 minutes)

Mr. Paul Yaros

The listening to our testimony is important to our faith. Listening is an active state. Respect the dignity of everyone by listening. Listen to hear and to understand. Continue in the work of listening.

3. Opening of the meeting (5 minutes)

Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel

a. Prayer

b. Welcome and Introductions

The Rev. Sam Adu-Andoh welcomed the Council to St. Andrew and St. Monica. He was delighted to have us here.

c. Adoption of the agenda

A motion was made by the Rev. Joy Segal and seconded by Richard Dill to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

d. Acceptance of written reports into the minutes

A motion was made by Jan Ross and seconded by the Rev. Jane Cornman to accept the written reports into the minutes. Motion carried.

e. Recognition of Visitors

4. Minutes of the June 22, 2013 meeting of Diocesan Council (5 minutes)

Ms. Jeanette Woehr, Secretary

A motion was made by the Rev. Greg Wilson and seconded by George Vosburgh to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2013 Diocesan Council meeting. Motion carried.

5. Youth Ministry Update (20 minutes)

Mr. Andrew Kellner



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6. Bishop's Report (*45 minutes*) Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel
- Bishop Daniel announced the birth of his first grandchild William Campbell.
The House of Bishops will meet next week in Nashville, Tennessee.
The Rev. Lucy Amerman the new Canon to the Ordinary Pastoral services will begin October 1st. Church House is understaffed but the staff that is there is wonderful.
The Convention will be held on November 9 at the Church of the Good Samaritan. Shuttle buses will be available from the train station.
Henry Carnes has created a Diocesan weekly newsletter.
Bishop Daniel is calling a group to study the canons and constitution and bring in line with the national canons. Diocesan Council is the convention between conventions in most places but that is not the case here. The group will study for a year and report back to convention.
The Wapiti Board has been dissolved with thanks and gratitude. Wapiti is still for sale.
Transition team is hard at work for the healing of the Diocese.
Clergy Day will be held on Oct 10. The transition team will roll out their plan to the clergy and ask for their input.
The Deacon program is re-energized.
Cathedral project continues with Standing Committee and the Bishop in support of \$1.6 million construction project. It will take two years to complete. 1-1/2 floors will be rented.
Church House has been sold with closing in mid-December. Sean McCauley is exploring several locations to be rented for approximately two years depending on the construction. Criteria for Church House location is the availability of parking, accessibility to public transportation, located in the city, and cost less than what we pay now for Church House.
Bishop Daniel is recommending the book *Gospel of Freedom* by Eric Ryder as a Lenten study. It is a story about Dr. King's letter from a Birmingham jail.
The Episcopal Youth Event will be held at Villanova in July. July 29 will be the 40th Anniversary of the first eleven women ordained. It will be celebrated at the Youth Event. The Presiding Bishop will attend the event. Youth need to know the history of those women. Another celebration will be held at the Church of the Advocate.
Need a new secretary of convention.
Transition team will come to Diocesan Council.
Bishop Daniel is enjoying himself, having a good time in a good place with good people. This is a great diocese.
7. Finance Committee 2014 Diocesan Budget Report (*20 minutes*) George Vosbourgh
- Budget is being formed and must be presented to Council. The process for the last three years was reviewed. Episcopate assessments went up. This is a transition year. Pledges are contributions to the program budget. Budget will be presented at the pre-convention meetings. Changes and adjustments can be made during the year. Tell your congregation what we are doing. Ask to have someone come from Budget or Finance Committees to speak to your vestry. Share the work of the DCMM with your congregations. Need to have ten best talking points to present to the vestry.
Diocesan Council to come up with the top ten things the Diocesan structure does for us to be presented at pre-convention meetings.
8. Treasurer's Report (*20 minutes*) Rob Rogers
- Audit is in draft. Five items on letter of qualified opinion not consolidated with ECS and Cathedral Village. There are some timing issues. It is a clear report. Episcopate assessment is set at \$980,000 up from last year. Encourage everyone to attend pre-convention meetings. RCMA is down. Collection is 70% in and up from 67% last year. Only one or two resolutions will be presented this year at convention.



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9. Standing Committee Report (20 minutes) Rev. Ledlie Laughlin
No report
10. Executive Committee Report (20 minutes) Mr. Paul Yaros
- a. Approval / Signing of Diocesan Conflict of Interest Policy
Policy was distributed and signed by those present.
 - b. Appointment of Nominating Committee for November Meeting Elections
Victoria Sicks and Rev. Jon Clodfelter were appointed as the Nomination Committee
 - i. Elections to Executive Committee
 - ii. Elections to Clergy Compensation and Employee Benefits
11. Committee Liaison Reports (15 minutes)
- (A brief report should be submitted in writing prior to each meeting, discussion as time permits or as requested)*
- a. Anti-Racism Commission Ms. Victoria Sicks
Training end of October Encourage one person to take the training.
 - b. Companion Diocese Committee TBD
 - c. Cathedral Chapter The Rev. Ernest Curtin
 - d. Commission on Clergy Compensation & Employee Benefits Mr. Richard Bauer
 - e. Convention Committee Mrs. Jeanette Woehr
 - f. Diocesan Consultation Team The Rev. Joy Segal & Beverly Loftus & George Vosburgh
 - g. Diocesan Council Nominations Committee Ms. Elise Bowers & The Rev. Earnest Curtin
 - h. Finance Committee George Vosburgh / Rev. George Master III
 - i. Liturgy Committee Rev. Carolyn Huff
 - j. Middle East Study Committee Ms. Elise Bowers
 - k. Spiritual Growth The Rev. Jonathan Clodfelter
 - l. Stewardship Committee Mr. Peter Datos
 - m. Wapiti Sale Committee Ms. Patricia Smith & The Rev. George Master III
 - n. Youth Advisory Board The Rev. Jane Cornman
12. Schedule of next meeting Mrs. Jeanette Woehr
The next meeting will be held on November 16 at the Cathedral.
13. Reflections (5 minutes)
Victoria Sicks - Good meeting



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Mary Kohart - Good snacks George
Vosburgh -New vision
Sam Adu-Andoh - recognize people retiring

14. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel

Bishop Daniel closed the meeting with prayer and thanksgivings for the spiritual wisdom that Paul Yaros, Pat Smith and Jeanette Woehr gave the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am

1. Structure accountability
2. Many resources
3. Call to a common mission
4. Central personnel to assist congregations
5. High arch and identity – common interest ability to do job well
6. Help the diocese office gives
7. Format and framework of convention - everyone has a voice
8. Building more inclusive vision
9. Look beyond individual church.