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**Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri**

**Meeting as**

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Christ Church Cathedral**

**St. Louis, MO**

**October 8, 2016**

**Members Present:** Liz Yount, Al Ludwig, Alyce Bullock, Patricia Heeter, Tamsen Whistler, Bill Cramer, Doris Westfall, Brooke Forsyth, Nancy Belcher, Barbi Click, Rebecca Barger, Sylvia Thomas, Bill Gilbert

**Treasurer:** Tom Hedrick

**Staff:** Joe Chambers, Desiree Viliocco

**Call to Order:** 9:07 a.m. – Bill Gilbert

**Opening Prayer:** Joe Chambers

**Approval of Minutes – September Meeting**

Moved, seconded, and approved without discussion.

**Year to Date Financial Report** – Tom Hedrick, Treasurer and Desiree Viliocco, Finance Officer

A few larger parishes are still behind, but this is not unusual. This impacts our income, but by the end of the year it will come together. So we are running a deficit largely due to parish income lag, but the White Fund income is also lower than it has been in recent history. It should also be noted that we are over budget on equipment due to a new phone system.

**Final action on Budget**

Metro 4 had one question regarding line 27: would it be possible to develop a new fund with fewer restrictions?

Sub-committee reviewing the New Ventures in Community Ministry guidelines will submit their suggestions to the bishop and Standing Committee. The revisions should relieve some of the restrictions that will allow for easier use.

Question regarding line 49: with new system that is less expensive, should we lower this line? A: at this time it's best to keep it as is because the actual cost is still unknown.

Motion, seconded, approved without objection to submit current version of 2017 draft budget to Convention.

### **Making All Things New** – Presentation by Brooke Forsyth

Subcommittee for 2017 New Ventures in Community Ministries recommends funding both grant applications to Christ Church Cathedral for the Cathedral Housing Project in the amount of \$13,454 and Trinity Central West End for Pray, Eat, and Art in the amount of \$10,546.

Moved, seconded, approved without objection.

### **Diocesan Convention**

a. Council's written report to Convention

Bill Gilbert drafted a report and is ready to send it to council for approval to be submitted to the convention.

b. Council members attendance to Convention

All non-delegate members of convention are invited to convention without charge.

c. Report on proposed Constitution and Canonical Changes - Joe Chambers

1. H-176 - No real questions or discussion

2. New:

Distressed Parish Canon - Discussion regarding the idea of the Distressed Parish Canon being proposed by the Constitution and Canons

d. Report on Resolutions currently received with discussion

1. Clergy Compensation - Handouts

2. \$15 Minimum Wage - Handouts

3. Parish Growth - Discussion

4. Open table - Discussion

e. Report on Nominations

f. Discussion of Convention Agenda

### **Other**

Discussion regarding a proposal to amend the budget process. A suggested letter was submitted by Krista Baker and Barbi Click.

### **Convocations Reports -**

Kemper: Did not meet, will meet on November 12

Metro II: No meeting since the last Council meeting, minutes from Sep. 11

Metro III: Met on Sep. 17, Doris Westfall elected interim clergy representative

Metro IV: Met on Sep. 17, had discussion about budget, resolutions, and other parishes. Next meeting, Nov 12.

West: Minutes submitted. They have had several meetings and are having energetic conversations.

South: No report

### **Open Question Time**

- Joe Chambers gave an update about current transitions.

### **Noonday Prayer**

**Adjourn - 11:00 a.m.**