

Vision Statement: A world healed by love

DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2023 – [Zoom](#)

12:00 Noon – Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 11:45am after [Joint Standing Committee and Board Meeting](#)

Opening Prayer - The Rev. Rebecca Drebert

Attendees: Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Rev. Paul Frolick, Rev. Molly Payne-Hardin, Jane Gendron, Ave Bauder, Martha Berry, Esq., Rev. Becky Drebert, Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Canon Tom Ferguson, Sarah Alamond, Cathy Hobart, Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Dan Kenney, Henry Wakefield

Absent: Rev. John Rohde, Rev. Steve White, Jonathan Fellows, Esq.

Consent Agenda

- Electronic Vote - [Additional funding for Sacred Ground Pilgrimage](#)
- Electronic Vote - [Asbestos Abatement - Trinity, Elmira](#)
- [Minutes from January 24, 2023 meeting](#)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell moves, Molly Payne-Hardin seconds. All in favor, No discussion. Motion approved.

Reports and related Action Items

- Bishop's Report:
 - How we partner with our companion diocese (El Salvador currently) and others in Iarca is a continuous question?
 - Excited to see that St. Matthew's, Liverpool has connected with St. Matthias parish in Guatemala.
 - Church Planting: I will be thinking about this on Sabbatical. How might God be planning for us to build new ministries - not building buildings, but ministries. I am interested in mentorship, and what changes people's chance to succeed... when they are engaging with people who are not in their same circles. Building relationships with others.
- [Property Report](#) - Henry Wakefield
 - Charles Moore and Henry Wakefield went to Grace, Willowdale. Visited the tenant, got boxes for archives, etc.
 - Up to 4 graves on church property themselves.

- o Tenant asked if we would still reimburse him when he makes updates to the house? We're not sure what the original lease agreement terms were. We will find the original lease and see if that allows for that.
- o Two surveys Pierrepoint Manor and Brownsville have not been completed yet
- o Trinity, Elmira buyer is submitting bills for repairs to try and lower cost of purchasing.
- o Schedule for organ removal at Chadwicks not set, but will be down the road.
- [Financial Report](#) - Cathy Hobart and Steve White
 - Cathy Wouldn't recommend taking action on surplus until Finance cmte. has taken a look at it.

A motion to set aside \$24K from the surplus for the audit. Jane Gendron moves, Ave Bauder seconds. No discussion, all in favor. Motion approved.

- Chancellor's Report - Martha Berry and Jonathan Fellows
 - o Child Victims Act lawsuits proceeding along slowly
 - o Martha will be in touch with Paul Frolick to continue work on Trinity, Elmira cemetery plots.
- Updates on closing processes - Grace, Willowdale (Dan) and Grace, Mexico (Molly)
 - o Nothing new to report. Dan has finalized closing work with Grace.
 - o Molly will get the boxes from Grace, Mexico to archives.
 - o Update from Canon Carrie about Constableville, looking to close. Jane Gendron and Molly Payne-Hardin will work with Peter Hayes and Gilda Krywosa in Constableville when they are ready to proceed.

Continuing Business

- Revised Audit Policy for Congregations
 - o Checklist complete, now working on putting together training information
 - o Will be reaching out to diocese for people who will be interested in being on the audit team
 - o In the process of testing the training
- Safe Church Certification
 - o Kathy Dengler, Sarah Alamond, Paul Frolick working on how to keep track on the diocesan level
- Community Solar Proposals
 - o St. Matthew's, Liverpool is signed up and will report back to tell how it goes in the following months

- Follow-up to questions raised at Diocesan Convention re: Clergy Compensation
- Cemetery Plots at Trinity, Elmira
 - Martha and Paul will work together to further this issue

New Business

- [Grace, Baldwinsville assessment reduction request, Financials](#)
 - Picture for Grace, Baldwinsville has changed a little, but they are still facing a dire financial situation
 - Full Time Clergy will be leaving at the end of April.

Motion made to decrease the assessment to 10% for 2023. Dan Kenney made the motion and Becky Drebert seconded. All in favor. No discussion. Motion passed.

- [Approve new audit firm](#)
 - Reached out to 6 audit firms. Heard back from 1.
 - Finance committee recommends Dannible & McKee.

Motion to approve new audit firm. Molly Payne-Hardin makes motion, Ave Bauder Seconds. No discussion, all in favor. Motion passed.

- [Approve Ministry Grants Priorities](#)

Motion to approve these Ministry Grant priorities. Motion made by Ave Bauder Seconded by Dan Kenney. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Dates and Times 2023