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**DIOCESAN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 15, 2022 – Zoom**

**12:00 Noon – Board Meeting**

Attendees: Dan Kenney, Molly Payne-Hardin, John Rohde, Martha Berry (Chancellor), Paul Frolick, Chris Day, Steve White (treasurer), Cathy Hobart (controller), Brad Benson (Standing Committee Rep.), Sarah Alamond (Board Secretary)

Not in attendance: Jonathan Fellows (Chancellor), Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Debbie Barker, Becky Drebert, Henry Wakefield (property),

**During Combined Standing Committee/Board**

**Meeting opened at 11:36am.**

**Opening Prayer –** The Rev. Paul Frolick

**Consent Agenda**

* [Minutes of January 2022 meeting](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FVLLOCcNhTXk9cjG4DAeiRuCjKBuh_bw/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102876395177954125134&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* Motion to approve Consent agenda: Amendment offered to add the email vote for the purchase of the 2022 Subaru Ascent to the consent agenda. Molly makes a motion, Dan seconds. All in favor. Approved. [Link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a5gOdIDGH7wM9A3lkU-ZkrcSR4KeElly_l2wwN1uRxo/edit)

**Reports**

* Financial
	+ Steve: We ended the year of 2021 with a surplus. January has been a bit harsher given all that’s happened, we’ve taken a hit on investments. We still have 22 pledge cards outstanding, and Cathy will be sending out a reminder to parishes. The reports look clean and uneventful
		- Surplus ($194,557): we need to figure out as a board how to designate that surplus
			* In past few years, all or part has been designated to grant process for parishes. Do we want to do that?
			* Dan: Give some to ERD for Ukraine?
			* Chris: Hold for shortfall in assessment?
			* Cathy: some people don’t find assessment/pledge info in emails, we do have a padding in the budget for those who can’t make the payments.
			* Cathy: We have $50,000 for grants this year. Last year we gave out $60,000+
			* Steve: Put $50,000 aside for
			* Motion from Brad to put $50,000 aside for Grants and put $7,000 towards matching funds in the diocese for Ukraine (making diocesan fund match $14,000 total), Chris seconds. All in favor. Approved.
* Chancellor’s Report:
	+ Martha: Nothing to report. Jonathan has been working on lawsuits, and everything is moving along slowly.
* [Property/Foundation Report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gT_W7I9xustABiXrwDoYSsOTVCn89AwQ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102876395177954125134&rtpof=true&sd=true)
	+ Suggestion: Update running document as Henry has been doing in Google Drive, but then have a second document to have the current updates, so that it’s easier to look back and understand. Paul will mention to Henry

**New Business**

* Pushing budget process back a bit to approve the budget at a meeting we can add in June.
	+ Chris: Worry that what we look at in June, may not be where we are going (investments)
		- Cathy: There will be an additional review in October.
	+ Sarah will work to find a meeting date in June
* Continue discussion from retreat on listening & structure
	+ What groups might we call together for making connections?
	+ Groups like Wardens, small church resources, Parish Admins, musicians, etc.
	+ How will these groups connect with the board?
		- Brad has history of having committees with liaisons to different groups in the meetings.
		- Sarah: Some meetings are not necessary to assign liaisons, as some are already attended by members from the board.
		- Cathy: Are there groups in parishes that might be important to bring together? Property committees from each parish?
		- Martha: Expanding the board is something to look at and adjusting the canons to accommodate that with a number range of members.
		- Chris: Is there a diocese that does that?
			* The Council in Rochester is about 32 people, and those are each elected from each district.
		- Dan: We are trying to find out how to hear everyone in the diocese and make sure there is representation
		- Chris: We need to make sure we hear everyone, but also that they are connected to one another as well. How we connect parishes, ministries, etc. (ie. treasurers meeting together)
	+ What does the Committee on Constitution and Canons need from us at this point?
		- * Martha gave an update on their progress
	+ Discussion on possible diocesan board structure
		- Martha will come up with possible structure options and circulate to board for feedback.

**Items under Committee Review/Consideration**

* Vitality Markers

**Meeting adjourned at 12:19pm**

[**Future Meeting Dates and Times**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mo-hPXNHqCvGHWkW_KyqPMsEzmzBhu4p/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=102876395177954125134&rtpof=true&sd=true)