

Diocesan Council
March, 2013

Bishop's Report

- Tom reported on House of Bishops meeting which he says was one of the best with meditation by bishop who had experienced various aspects of loss.
- Tom will be focusing his time on anti-violence. Gayle will represent us at the summit and national legislation
- Letter from Tom will be coming to invite us to join him for the Mother's Day March.
- Tom & Mally reported on the PB nominating committee which met at Camp. It developed a timeline. Sub-committees were set up.
- March 21 will be the enthronement of our new archbishop

Treasurer's Report

- Audits for 2010 & 2011 were presented and received. Only 3 minor recommendations. Process has improved over the last 10 ears. 2012 is expected to begin soon.
- Assessment Formula will remain unchanged for 2014. Budget for the funding for the bishop search is being developed by the sub-committee. This will be separate from the regular annual budget

Use of proceeds Funds

There has been much discussion around the use of proceeds when a parish closes. There was a process (and committee) in place which proved to be too cumbersome. The Council is now dealing with this on a case by case basis for now. The Council is still in discussion about how to do this fairly.

Budget Committee

- Goal to have budget ready for approval by June 6 mtg
- Budget information may move to website presence as the attendance has been poor at the hearings. Big challenge is to come up with budget for bishop coadjutor election/transition

BPeace Fundraising

A committee led by Matt Harper Nixon is charged with raising \$45,000. He will report next month.

April, 2013

Bishop's Time

- On May 8th the lights will turned on for the new pediment.

- Space was allowed for folks to process the Newtown tragedy. Various folks reported their experiences and those of their parishioners. Young people seem more affected in part due to media induced psychosis. George Stevens ran the race and was waiting for his wife near the finish line when the bombs went off. Many people were in the vicinity. Tom went to Good Shepard, Watertown. He was asked to preach about how diocese will work to end violence. Although St. Paul's was closed during this event. it was suggested that ways be found to keep the Cathedral open during future emergencies.

Treasurer's Report

- We are under budget for 1st quarter but may not hold true for the rest of the year.
- Diocese receives its assessed income the same way as churches received their pledged income with many waiting until the end of the year to pay up. Canon says that assessments are to be paid in 12 equal installments, but it is not strictly enforced.

Assessment Coordinating Committee

- Focus of this committee will be to work with those parishes experiencing temporary shortfalls.
- A letter to churches and deaneries soliciting their input to see if they need to apply for abatement will be sent out soon.

Use of Proceeds

- The DC approved the commencement of the project to enhance the physical structure of St. Luke's/San Lucas in Chelsea not to exceed \$1,0200,00 to come from the Use of Proceeds account. Funding will be evaluated throughout the process.
- Watertown and Saugus both were granted funding

B-Peace

- Committee had its first meeting which was primarily formational. Scope, tasks, how to diversify its message and how violence affects inner cities. Council will be responsible for direct fundraising for B-Peace and also the Annual Fund

Budget Committee Report

Stephen Voysey reported that at the last meeting , it went rough the 2014 budge closely. There is a deficit now which it is working on to balance.

A draft will be presented at the May meeting and adopted in June

Other Business

What process will be used for applying for Use of Proceeds? There is no process yet. Tell people to e-mail Laura to get on the radar screen that you're interested in funding for special projects. There is nothing to prevent a church from asking. The "asks" would be discussed at Executive Committee and then brought to Council. There is nothing publicized about the "process" yet. At some point the EC will decide when that money will be available. Jane was concerned about the people outside of Council who don't know how to ask. She thinks it is important to alert every one of the possibility. At the next EC meeting, they will have a conversation/something to present to Council.

May 2013

Neither bishop was present

Budget

- Lots of progress made with regard toward balancing the budget. Only \$22K short. A little amount essentially was cut from most areas to avoid huge impacts in any one area
- Funding for coadjutor election/transition not meant to be part of core budget

Treasurer's Report

- Lisa reported that she is finding the position to be more than she expected. In addition, she can't make decisions regarding investments as that would be a conflict of interest with her job. She wants to create a position of Associate Treasurer which would be an unpaid volunteer position. The Council will discuss this further

Other business

- Bishop Gayle will be out of commission for the next months due to impending surgery.
- North Attleboro was reinstated after it got caught up in its assessments