

Diocesan Council Report to Deanery
March 10, 2016

February 25, 2016

Bishop's Time

Bishop Gates reported on the situation that occurred at St. George's Schools in RI and how our diocese can be clearer about the canonical and legal relationships we have with our three Episcopal schools.

He shared with Council "a reporting and team structure" document which has been distributed to staff about how staff is organized and who reports to whom. The three organizing principles behind doing this were 1. Organizing size-appropriate teams, 2. Balancing reporting relationships and 3. Dividing staff-related oversight responsibilities between the Bishop Suffragan and the Canon to the Ordinary.

Bishop Harris participated in a service at COS, Wayland to transfer ecclesiastical authority and jurisdiction from the Episcopal Church to the Coptic Church who has purchased the property

Treasurer's Report

A decision needs to be made regarding Grace Chapel whether or not to continue funding after the money runs out from the sale of St. Paul's

Lisa and Gerry are working on cyber security for the diocesan office computer system.

Mission Strategy Update

The listening session processes are now over. Meghan Sweeney gave statistics on how many people have participated.

Outcomes: Initial Report – first doc created out of the information from the listening sessions, Revised Report – after feedback has been given on the initial report, Draft Mission Strategy - from the Phase 3 team which will also be made available for feedback, Proposed Mission Strategy – this will be presented at Convention, The Mission Strategy – approved by Convention.

Transcription Day (March 12, St. Peter's, Weston, 9am start time).

Mission Strategy Phase 3 Team Development

Twelve nominations were presented to the Council by the Executive Committee for the Mission Strategy Phase 3 Team from which seven were to be elected.

Hub Budgets

It was voted to approve the fourth year budget for the South Coast Mission Hub and for the second year budget for the North Shore Mission Hub.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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