

Diocesan Council Report to Deanery
March 26, 2017

February 23, 2017

Mission Hubs

Council voted to accept the Mission Hub Implementation Committee's recommendation of a three-tiered hub budget cut system to close a \$1.6-million funding gap: 70 percent of requested maximum for original requests of \$1 million; 75 percent of requested maximum for original requests of \$750,000; or 80 percent of requested maximum for original requests of less than \$750,000. Bishop Alan M. Gates proposed that Council have an appeals process to the three-tiered budget cut system.

Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team

Win Treese Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team's co-chair Win Treese presented an update about a proposed evaluation process for diocesan budget items.

Treasurer

Treasurer, Lisa Garcia, presented an update from the Assessment Formula Review Committee, preliminary financial results for 2016 and a summary of parishes that are in arrears on their 2016 assessments.

Council voted to instruct the Assessment Formula Review Committee to construct proposals for new assessment formulas for 2018 which will result in a 10 percent net decrease in aggregate assessments received, to be reviewed at the March and April Diocesan Council.

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Mission Hubs

Jin Lee Presented an update of South Shore, Merrimack Valley, and North Shore Mission Hubs. Based on the recommendation of the MHIC, Council voted not to approve the South Shore proposed project as it did not believe it would be sustainable.

Green Grant Proposal

The Council voted not to accept the Green Grant Committee proposal to shift \$150,000 from the loan program to the grant program.

Treasurer

Treasurer Lisa Garcia, presented the Council with three possible options on the assessment formula: a straight -across the board 10% cut for every parish, a three tiered, or five-tiered approach. Lisa reported that it was the Committee's

recommendation that we go with the 10% option. All three options would still be based on expenses. After a robust discussion, it was the sense of the Council that a tiered approach was more acceptable. The Assessment Formula Review Committee will come back to Council in April.

Mission Strategy Implementation Organizing Team

Process for evaluating Strategic Ministries will include inviting the various ministries to tell their stories via questionnaires and site visits. Council members are being expected to participate in one or more team site visits.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Melahoures
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