

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
Special Executive Council Meeting via Conference Call
July 13, 2017 5:00 p.m.**

Present: The Rt. Revd. Steven A. Miller; Mr. Clyde Bachand, Diocesan Treasurer; The Rev'd Seth Dietrich; The Rev'd Dr. Jonathan Grieser; Ms. Jill Heller; The Very Rev'd Andy Jones, Vice-President of the Executive Council; Mr. Peter Larson; The Rev'd David Simmons, President of the Standing Committee; The Rev'd Elizabeth Tester; Mr. John Washbush; Ms. Janice Watter; Ms. Kristen Wold and The Rev'd Chuck Zellermayer

Others present: Canon Peggy Bean, Canon for Congregations and Ms. Marlene Udovich, Financial Officer

Absent: The Very Rev'd Andrew Hanyzewski; Ms. Meredie Scrivner and the ex-officio members (attendance is optional): The Rev'd Jana Troutman-Miller, President, Commission on Ministry and Mr. Patrick Johnson, President of Trustees of Funds & Endowments

At 5:00 p.m., roll call was taken.

Bishop Miller called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Bishop Miller thanked the members of the Council for their diligence as faithful stewards. He reminded them that the meeting was a single item meeting—addressing the budget; and that it is held to meet the requirements for presentation of the budget to the convention.

He stated that the budget comes from a committee so it does not need a second.

Bishop Miller then turned the meeting over to Ms. Marlene Udovich and Mr. Clyde Bachand.

Ms. Marlene Udovich highlighted items that served to increase or reduce the budget from 2017. She also noted that, though it appears to be a deficit budget, St. Mark's Milwaukee will be reimbursing the diocese for part of the communication staff member's **medical and dental** (salary) thus bringing the budget into balance.

Mr. Clyde Bachand noted that revenue is down due to 2 parish closings; and that it is one of his primary concerns, the impact on future budgets due to closings. He also noted that our National Church Assessment was much lower, helping, along with the reimbursement from St. Mark's, Milwaukee to balance the budget.

Bishop Miller asked if there were any questions.

The Rev'd Seth Dietrich asked for more clarification on the reimbursement from St. Mark's, Milwaukee and how it balanced the budget. Per Ms. Udovich, other items were adjusted as well, particularly general office expenses.

Mr. John Washbush asked for clarification regarding the fact that loss of income through the closing of two parishes is almost covered by the fact that two parishes saw increases in their assessments. Per Ms. Udovich and Mr. Bachand that is correct, but also made it clear that the formula used to calculate the assessments are exactly the same.

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In the case of the two parishes, because of strong stewardship programs, their giving went up.

Bishop Miller asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, he called for a vote. The budget was accepted unanimously.

Bishop Miller reiterated that it was a one item meeting. He thanked the members again and adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

The next meeting is September 16, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev'd Margaret (Marge) M. Kiss
Executive Secretary & Recorder of the Minutes

Future Meeting Date for 2017 Executive Council

November 11th

Appendix I

2017 Norms for Executive Council Meetings

Begin with prayer

Start and end on time

Receive and Review material one week ahead of time of meeting

Respectful communication

 Assume good/best intentions

 Seek to model reconciliation

 Look for the best in others

 Give the best we have

 Gentleness first

Respect the “confidential nature” of the discussion (Identify if confidential)

All responsible for the process at the table; Pay attention/Be actively engaged

All members of Executive Council are authorized to raise their hand, to call for a pause in the process, and to ask for a moment of prayer from the Bishop

We are always The Church