

Diocesan Council, Inc.
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Helen Spence at 4:01. Suzanne Crager offered the opening prayer and Amber Welch was welcomed as the newest member of our group. The agenda was discussed and the minutes of the previous meeting approved.

We welcomed Cynde Bimbi, director of communications and public relations for the Episcopal Church in Delaware, to our meeting to share the details of the Find a Church campaign, which will be rolled out to parishes over the summer of 2022. There is great energy around this project which includes information given to clergy, sent to parishes, and billboards which will invite people to look for us.

Judith Gregory, canon for finance, related that the finance committee will meet to review the first quarter; eight parishes have signed up to participate in the Small Church Audit Program and two more are considering it. She also related that a section of the new dining hall at Camp Arrowhead is to be named by the Diocesan Council, Inc. This prompted a discussion of what we might want to name it. Suggestions included Nanticoke Hall, Leadership Hall, Benefactor Hall, Trinity Hall, Adobe Hall.

Teri Valenti, of Camp Arrowhead, reported on preparations for completion of the Ashford Center and for summer camp to begin.

Bishop Brown began with a statistical presentation on the state of the Episcopal Church as a whole, comparing what was to what is. This is the start of a longer process dealing with church vitality in Delaware and the fact that there are no quick fixes.

Two ongoing projects had updates given – the Land Use Acknowledgement and the Conflict of Interest Statement.

The May contingency meeting will not be held, our next meeting will be June 23, 2022. We prayed and adjourned.