

**Summary Minutes of the Diocesan Council
Of the Episcopal Church in Delaware
February 17, 2022**

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. The agenda was accepted, and the minutes of the December meeting were approved. Guests were welcomed and presented to the group.

We began with Steve Boyden, who is heading up the Bridge Team for Camp Arrowhead. He and Bishop Brown gave us information as to their vision for moving Camp Arrowhead into a year-round operation. The bridge team will discuss expanded programming and collect data to expand our mission to serve lower income and underrepresented populations.

Between the January and February meetings we had another resignation from council by someone who was moving away from the diocese. At the February meeting we elected members to fill the Area 4, Area 5 and at-large positions for the remainder of 2022. The Area 2 vacancy has a possible candidate, to be elected at a later meeting.

Treasurer, Frank Daniels, reported that our finances look good so far this year. He also informed us that he will be meeting with members of the University of Delaware accounting faculty to discuss setting up a program in which students who are studying audits can get experience by working with our smaller parishes. We hope to add students from Delaware State University next year.

The Rev. Dr. Marta Illueca reported on the progress of Phase I of the Prayer and Pain Project, which was largely funded by a UTO grant and in-kind contributions from Grace, Wilmington. She is asking for financial support for the beginning of Phase II, until such time as she can receive additional grant monies. Her presentation was detailed and council members were enthusiastic in their support. It was suggested that we use the March contingency meeting to determine our level of financial support.

Mr. Robert Irwin and Ms. Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry presented a draft document from the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee (RJRC), in hopes that council would endorse it and recommend it for use in the parishes in the diocese. Discussion reflected support for the document, but that it needed editorial work and further discussion on its use. A group was formed to work on the editorial wording necessary. The RJRC has also asked for a liaison from council to join them, and the Rev. Sarah Nelson volunteered.

There will be a task force to do some editorial work on the Conflict of Interest statement and bring it back to council for their approval.

Bishop Brown reported that metrics for COVID are going down and he is working on liturgical changes that will take us closer to our pre-covid worship experience.

Teri Valenti, staff coordinator for Camp Arrowhead reported that 40 percent of summer staff positions are filled and there are waiting lists for many of our camp sessions in 2022. Walt LaFontaine reported that work is being done every day on the new building, and we hope to have the Certificate of Occupancy by mid-May. There will be an open house in June.

Invite Welcome Connect is looking for assistance with technology workshops. We will have a March 17 contingency meeting to hold the final election and discuss the Prayer and Pain Project funding.

We closed with prayer.