

PROVINCE II OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of Provincial Council Regular Meeting Via Zoom Conference Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Present (via Zoom): The Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, President; The Venerable Dr. Walter Baer, Vice-President; the Reverend Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary; Canon Phyllis Jones, Treasurer; Lis Jacobs, Assistant Treasurer; Canon Noreen Duncan, Lay Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Reverend Lillian Davis-Wilson, Dcn., Clergy Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; Ms. Yvonne O'Neal, Lay Representative to the Provincial Council; the Rev. Yamily Bass-Choate, Province II Representative to Executive Council Committee on Anti-Racism; The Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes, Bishop Representative to Provincial Council;

Also present: Ms. Neva Rae Fox, Provincial Coordinator; and Ms. Janice Paxton, Webmaster and Editor of InProv2; Ms. Martha Berry, Esq., Province II Chancellor

Absent: the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, Clergy Representative to the Provincial Council; Ms. Dorothy-Jane Connolly, Chair of Synod Planning Committee; Mr. Thomas K. Chu, Esq., Lay Representative to Executive Council

This is a Regular Meeting of the Provincial Council called by President the Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe by notice sent by email by Provincial Coordinator Neva Rae Fox on January 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Duncan-Probe with prayer. The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda sent by Ms. Fox on the morning of January 26.

Approval of Minutes from the January 12, 2022 Council Meeting

A motion was made by Yvonne O'Neal and seconded by Lillian Davis-Wilson to approve the January 12, 2022 Province II Council Meeting; there was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the President

Bishop Duncan-Probe gave her report: General Convention still is being planned and trying to anticipate what is needed, especially in regards to Province II. Expressed need for the cost of translations. House of Bishops have met and have a retreat upcoming. We need to get our Report to General Convention in.

Neva Rae - All Provinces have confusion about need for Synod meeting during General Convention. We had a Synod in 2021, others did not last year. Budget resolutions being sent to General Convention from some of the Synods.

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe thanked Yvonne O'Neal on her work on Thursdays in Black.

Report from the Treasurer

Canon Jones gave her report: Review of 2021 budget versus actuals, very minor changes. Two new assessments were received. Meaning that for 2021 our deficit is now a surplus of about \$66,000.00. \$113,000.00 soon to be available to the Province II bank account.

2022 a minimum amount of expense activity. Draft Letter for 2022 assessments are still pending, hopeful by end of this week, as well as, the Annual Report for the Province.

Question from Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe: is there a way to facilitate the sharing of responsibilities with the Lis, our Assisting Treasurer? Treasurer requires time to work with Lis to bring her up to speed.

Walter gave clarifying information about assessment from Europe Convocation.

A motion was made by Walter Baer and seconded by Noreen Duncan to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Province II Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Council Members

Executive Council Members gave their report: Had a very good meeting; resolution on Russian aggression and endorsed the day of prayer from Pope Francis; budget for 2023-2024 looks good to ask for its approval.

Translation and interpretation funds is still very open and uncertain as being covering; there is a resolution and a policy to be passed again for all parts of the church for translation and interpretation (a Central Office of translation and interpretation exists) – to be used for General Convention and for the Provinces.

DFMS has decided that travel is suspended through the end of February.

Report on Committee Appointments

Appointments have been made by Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe. Resolutions committee is working via email. Jan will post appointments to the Province website.

Discussion: preparing for Synod 2022 on May 5

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe says we're on hold until further information from General Convention. Province II Committees are meeting so we are ready either way the decision resolves itself.

Annual Report to General Convention Office

The Annual Report to General Convention is available for input via hyperlink:

https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/provincial_reporting_form

Need Treasurer's portion of report and then our report will be submitted.

Other Business

Noreen – stole is being created.

Next Steps

No other business.

Next Meeting

March 29, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 9:48a.m. with prayer by Bishop Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary