

PROVINCE II OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of Provincial Council Special Meeting
Via Zoom Conference
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Present (via Zoom): The Reverend Dahn Dean Gandell, President; the Right Reverend Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Vice-President, Canon Paul Ambos, Esq., Secretary; Canon Phyllis Jones, Treasurer; Canon Noreen Duncan, Lay Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Reverend Lillian Davis-Wilson, Dcn., Clergy Provincial Representative to the Executive Council; the Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Episcopal Representative to the Provincial Council

Also present: Ms. Janice Paxton, Webmaster and Editor of InProv2; Ms. Neva Rae Fox, Consultant; and Mr. Phillip Fileri, Esq., Province II Chancellor

Absent: Ms. Dorothy-Jane Connolly, Chair of Synod Planning Committee; and Ms. Yvonne O'Neal, Lay Representative to the Provincial Council

This is a Special Meeting of the Provincial Council called by Notice of Special Meeting posted to BaseCamp on November 27, 2019 and by email by Communications Consultant Neva Rae Fox. Pursuant to the Notice of Special Meeting, the topics to be addressed are limited to (1) the appointment by the President, with the advice and consent of the Provincial Council, of a clergy representative to the Council to replace The Very Rev. Joell Szachara (Province II Ordinances, Ordinance VII, Section 4) and (2) to approve compensation for the Provincial Coordinator (Ordinance VII, Section 7).

The meeting was called to order by President the Reverend Dahn Gandell at 5:30 with prayer.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the Agenda sent together with a spreadsheet of nominees, posted to BaseCamp on December 9, 2019 and by email by Communications Consultant Neva Rae Fox on the same date.

President Gandell announced her intention to appoint the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross of the Diocese of Rochester to fill the vacancy on the Council. After discussion and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the Council consented to such appointment, which took effect immediately. Secretary Ambos asked President Gandell to forward contact information for Canon Ross for inclusion in the Provincial database.

Ms. Fox left the meeting. President Gandell next noted that Ms. Fox had as Consultant been serving in the role of Provincial Coordinator since July 1 of this year. She proposed that Ms. Fox be confirmed in that role and that her compensation be raised by \$500 per month as from such date, for an annual salary of \$15,000. She stated that she had consulted with Treasurer Phyllis Jones to ensure that expense was within the present budget. After discussion and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the Council (a) affirmed that Ms. Fox be named Provincial Coordinator as from July 1, 2019 and (b) directed that her salary as from such date be increased to the rate of \$15,000 per year.

Prayers were offered for the victims of the mass shooting today in Jersey City, New Jersey, and for the family of Deacon Davis-Wilson, who has recently lost her son.

President Gandell stated that the next regular meeting of the Council would be in January at a date to be determined following a Doodle poll. Bishop Duncan-Probe noted that she was currently in New York City for the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice, and she is seeking to schedule him to be celebrant at the provincial Stations of the Cross liturgy that is being developed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 5:45 p.m. with prayer by Bishop Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ambos, Secretary