

PROVINCE II OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Minutes of Provincial Council Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Conference
Wednesday, January 11, 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; Ms. Dorothy-Jane Connolly, Chair of Synod Planning Committee; Mr. Thomas K. Chu, Esq., Lay Representative to Executive 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; 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;

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 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 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 6.

Approval of Minutes from the December 1, 2021 Council Meeting

A motion was made by Yvonne O'Neal and seconded by Noreen Duncan to approve the December 1, 2021 Province II Council Meeting; there was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the President

Bishop Duncan-Probe gave her report: Province II Bishops all met on 1/11/2022, and it was a very good meeting together via Zoom. It was wonderful to hear from the Bishop of Cuba; shared about the Zoom meeting with The Archbishop of Canterbury on LGBTQi concerns; working on a Retreat for later in the year; and hopeful for an in-person House of Bishops.

Report from the Treasurer

Canon Jones gave her report: Provided a recap of the 2021 budget year. Province II will have a deficit of \$14,067 unless two Diocesan assessments are received soon; if so, then Province II will have a surplus for 2021 budget year.

Letters of Diocesan Assessment will go out soon for 2022.

Conversation for the need to budget more translation expenses needed for every Bishop's Province meeting held every 6 weeks.

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: There is a meeting scheduled on the 24th and a discussion of roles and report was had.

Thursdays in Black – Yvonne O'Neal

Thursdays in Black shouldn't be a workshop, but instead a Resolution to General Convention. Perhaps instead a workshop on 'Speak Out Sundays'

Discussion: preparing for Synod 2022 on May 5

- Topics and schedule for workshops
- Synod Planning Committee/Tech Committee meeting

Held a planning meeting on 1/11/2022; meeting on 1/13/2022 to talk about filings and notices.

Updating registration process with a firm must register by date in order to vote.

Updating balloting technology process.

Preparing a draft budget.

Motion was made by Lillian Davis-Wilson and seconded by Yvonne O'Neal, to explore purchasing a stole as a farewell gift to Gay Jennings representative of Province II not to exceed the amount of \$500.00. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Other business

Who is attending GC and in what capacity? – Carry over for February meeting

Next Steps

No other business.

Next Meeting

February 2, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on consent at 9:59 a.m. with prayer by Bishop Duncan-Probe.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe, Secretary