

**Minutes of Meeting of the
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

May 17, 2005

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., met on May 17, 2005, in the Bubb Room at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with opening worship.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
The Very Rev. Jerry D. Adinolfi, Jr.
Mrs. Linda Bemis
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom
The Rev. James P. Haney V
The Very Rev. R. Steve Lipscomb
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro
Mr. Michael Murphy
Mr. Richard Norman
Ms. Rogene Schille
Mr. Robert Skaggs
The Rev. William J. Wood

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mr. Mike Morrow, President
Ms. Wendy Sheedy

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

The Rev. Canon Jo Ann T. Smith, Canon to the Ordinary
Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer
Ms. Dorothy Emory, Diocesan Administrator
Mr. Chad Senuta, Youth Coordinator
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Communications Director

Advisors to the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Secretary
Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor
Mr. Michael Francis, Vice Chancellor
Mr. C. Jay Currie, Comptroller

Also present were The Rev. Canon Dr. Andrew T. Grosso and Mr. Robert Harder.

Minutes of the April 19, 2005, meeting were presented for consideration. It was noted correct titles should be used for all members. Upon correcting members titles, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2005, meeting.

Mr. Anning presented the treasurer's report for the month ending April 2005. It was noted that a new format for presenting the monthly report was developed. Mr. Anning mentioned the Diocese is financially where it was projected to be; however, several large expenditures are expected in June or July.

Mrs. Bemis reported for the Community Life Committee. The committee met on April 22, 2005, in Emporia. (A copy of the minutes are attached and made a part of these minutes.) Mr. Fran McKendree, noted folksinger, will be the keynoter for the workshops on Saturday at the Gathering. He will also participate in the convention worship and the entertainment at the Friday night banquet.

Mr. Senuta reported on the implementation of a Summer Youth Ministry Intern program. Katie Knoll, a student at the University of Kansas, will serve as the first intern. Mr. Senuta outlined the program and its benefits. Every effort will be made to accommodate parishes interested in participating in the program. The cost is approximately \$6000.

Fr. Haney reported for the Young Adult and Higher Education Committee. The committee is in the process of developing a Bishop's Committee for local campus ministries. A search is in process for a Campus Missioner position with the expectation of presenting the individual at Convention.

Bishop Wolfe commented on the exemplary service Mr. Morrow has been giving to the Diocese over the last several months. He also reported that Mr. Currie's wife is being brought home from the hospital today.

Ms. Schille reported that the Committee on Aging will meet next month.

A report was given for the Administration and Personnel Committee. A termination agreement has been signed by the Rev. Joseph S. T. Alford.

Mr. Skaggs reported for the Finance Committee. Budget review hearings were held Saturday, May 14, 2005. The intent of the committee is to have a balanced budget for 2006. This will be difficult and will require the combination of program and expense cuts. A draft of the 2006 budget will be presented at the June Council of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Murphy reported for the Architecture, Property, and Allied Arts Committee. Confirmation was made to the internment of ashes at St. Andrew's, Fort Scott property. Attempts are being made to locate the husband so alternative arrangements for reinternment can be made.

Ms. Woerman reported for the Communications Committee. Plans are underway in conjunction with the Kansas School of Ministry to hold a parish communications conference toward the end of July. *The Harvest* newspaper will be out in June. Individuals can now subscribe to *DioLog* through the diocesan web site; plans are to expand the distribution list by adding on convocation delegates. Ms. Woerman recently attended the national Communicators Conference and two Polly Bond Awards were received for *The Harvest* publication.

Mthr. Bloxson reported for the Liturgy, Arts and Music Committee. The committee plans to meet with Ms. Woerman in June to include Liturgy, Arts and Music on the diocesan web site. The service bulletin for Ordinations on June 11, 2005, is underway and the committee is in the planning stage for convention worship.

Fr. Wood reported for the Outreach and Ecumenical Ministries Committee. Fr. Wood shared his experience on his recent trip to Daejong, Korea. He encouraged individuals traveling out of the U.S. to ask the Bishop to write a letter of introduction to the visiting Bishop's diocese.

Fr. Lipscomb reported for the Congregational Development Committee. (A copy of the minutes are attached and made a part of these minutes.) Fr. Lipscomb discussed the report to St. Alban's Church in Wichita, and the ideas discussed pertaining to the Johnson County project. The committee will do some demographics in other areas such as Tonganoxie, DeSoto, Louisburg, and Paola.

Canon Smith reported for the Commission on Ministry. A final draft of a two part policy manual of the process leading to Holy Orders was reviewed by the Commission. More canonical changes are expected from the National Church. Commission on Ministry plans to meet in June to interview 2-3 people for the postulancy.

The Council of Trustees recessed briefly at 11:15 a.m. Bishop Wolfe reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. announcing that Shirley McCormick was in the hospital and would not be catering today's lunch. A get well card was circulated for members to sign.

Fr. Andrew Grosso submitted his summary report in response to the Council of Trustees request that the proposed resolution submitted to the 145th Annual Diocesan Convention on the Sacrament of Marriage be reviewed. A copy of Fr. Grosso's summary is attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Murphy moved to table. The motion was out of order. It was moved and seconded to discuss and accept the report submitted by Fr. Grosso. The motion was approved.

Canon Smith reported on deployment:

- a. St. Andrew's Church, Emporia, has issued a call to the Rev. Kelley Lackey. His start date is in June 2005.
- b. St. Stephen's Church, Wichita, is putting together their parish profile.
- c. The Rev. Helen Hoch, Calvary Church, Yates Center, is taking a sabbatical this summer. Canon Smith is seeking supply clergy for Calvary Church.
- d. Letters Dimissory were received for the Rev. Michael Bernard from the Diocese of Rio Grande.

Canon Smith reported she will be on vacation in June and will not be in attendance at the next Council of Trustees meeting. She announced that July 3, 2005, members are invited to join in the celebration of her marriage to the Rev. Denis Ford.

Bishop Wolfe mentioned his acceptance of Fr. Ford's resignation as a Council of Trustees member. Bishop Wolfe has been in conversation with the President of the Standing Committee and the Dean of the Convocation in regard to a replacement.

The Council of Trustees recessed for lunch during which time Mr. Robert Harder made a presentation about the Kansas Big Tent Coalition comprised of organizations and advocates who share the common goal of restoring State funds to protect and preserve essential services for Kansas' most vulnerable citizens, in particular children and adults with developmental disabilities. The Council of Trustees members will make a decision in June as to whether the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas will affiliate with the Big Tent Coalition.

The Council of Trustees reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Canon Smith announced the closing of some programs at St. Francis Academy in Atchison. The closing does not affect the facility in Salina or Ellsworth.

Bishop Wolfe's Report:

- a. Christ Church – The deconsecration of Christ Church was held on May 4, 2005. Bishop Wolfe assisted with the removal of ashes from the memorial garden prior to the deconsecration. The parish registers were received at the end of the service.
- b. Ordinations will be held June 11, 2005, 10 a.m., at Grace Cathedral in Topeka.
- c. A Stewardship Event has been planned for June 4, 2005, at St. Thomas the Apostle, Overland Park. Information and registration forms were distributed to Council of Trustees members.

- d. A draft agenda for the 146th Annual Diocesan Convention and Gathering was distributed to members.
- e. The September Council of Trustees meeting date has been changed from September 20 to September 13, 2005.
- f. Bishop Wolfe's Episcopal actions were reported. A copy of his report is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
- g. A service was held on Pentecost at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Mission, for those individuals who left Christ Church. The sermon was on forgiveness. There was one confirmation and a lovely dinner followed.
- h. Copies of Grace Cathedral's long-term vision plans were shared with Council of Trustees members. These plans include facility integration of the diocese and Grace Cathedral.

Ms. Schille reported with great enthusiasm on the success of the Revival that was held in Coffeyville on April 21-22, 2005.

Fr. Lipscomb reported in August Council of Trustees members will be meeting in a new room located on the 2nd floor.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with prayer.

Dorothy Emory, Acting Clerk