

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

**May 16, 2006**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on May 16, 2006, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Michael Morrow, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. Michael Morrow, President  
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxson  
The Rev. James Cook  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Rev. James P. Haney V  
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro  
Mr. Michael W. Murphy  
Mr. Richard Norman  
The Rev. Ronald R. Peak  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
Ms. Wendy Sheedy

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mrs. Linda Bemis  
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank  
Mr. Robert Skaggs

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk  
Mr. Michael E. Francis, Vice Chancellor

Also present were The Rev. Canon Mary Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary, Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller, and Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Communications Officer.

The meeting began with opening worship led by Canon Siegmund.

The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2006, were reviewed, and Mrs. Woerman suggested several corrections. Fr. Munro moved, seconded by Mr. Norman, that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Currie presented the income statement for April, 2006. He noted that all but one parochial report were submitted by May 1, 2006, and that the parochial reports reflected that Diocesan income is up for 2005 over the previous year and that there is an increase in the number of communicant members of the Diocese after adjusting for the withdrawal of Christ Church, Overland Park. With respect to the income statement, he noted that net income of \$212,295.00 is due, in part, to a \$120,000.00 bequest described in minutes of a prior meeting and \$74,000.00 in net proceeds of the sale of property formerly used by St. Andrew's Parish, Fort Scott. When adjusted for these extraordinary items, the income statement is essentially on track with budget.

Canon Siegmund reported on the goals of the Council of Trustees:

- With respect to the development of existing parishes and planting three new parishes within the next ten years, she noted that the Congregational Development Committee is in the process of setting goals and obtaining demographic information to determine where to focus on planting new parishes.
- With respect to youth, young adult and campus ministry programs, she noted that the Rev. Lisa Senuta will head young adult programs and that the Committee on Campus Ministry has reviewed and reduced its list of candidates to be interviewed for the two vacant campus missionary positions.
- With respect to the revitalization of stewardship and development, she noted that Char DeWitte has been hired as Stewardship Development Officer to begin work on June 1, 2006. This raises a facilities issue with respect to providing space for the Stewardship Development Officer.
- The Outreach and Ecumenical Ministries Committee and their Diocesan leaders continue to evaluate the expansion of Outreach Ministries.

Mr. Morrow reported on preparations for General Convention:

- General Convention deputies met with the clergy of the Diocese on May 9, 2006, during the Presiding Bishop's visit to receive input on pending issues and to discuss timely and accurate reporting of Convention activities to the Diocese.
- The General Convention deputies will conduct an open meeting on June 3, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. after the ordinations at Grace Cathedral on that date to receive input from communicants in the Diocese.
- The General Convention deputies will make a post-Convention presentation at the Cathedral on the morning of June 24, 2006.

Mrs. Woerman reported on Convention communication activities in which she will be involved, including links to on-line reporting, which will be available for members of the Diocese in the next issue of *The Harvest*.

Mr. Morrow called for committee reports, noting that several committee liaisons were absent from the meeting and would not be presenting reports:

1. Mr. Morrow reported that the Adult Formation Committee will meet on July 8, 2006, and that the committee canceled EFM training for June, originally scheduled a week before General Convention.

2. Mr. Morrow reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee that the Diocese of Southwest Florida is seeking nominations for Bishop Coadjutor of Southwest Florida and requested that Mrs. Woerman publicize this in the next issue of *Diolog*. He moved, on behalf of the committee that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese recommend ordination to the Diaconate (vocational) of Ms. Sally D. Wilcox, Mr. Jesse Milan and Mr. Stephen L. Segebrecht. Mthr. Bloxsom seconded the motion. There followed a discussion of several issues, including calling to the Diaconate and the function of ordained Deacons. The motion carried unanimously. Ordinations are scheduled for Grace Cathedral on June 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

3. Mr. Taylor reported that the Executive Committee met on April 18, 2006, and discussed a variety of personnel issues with the Bishop, but did not make any specific recommendations.

4. In the absence of Mr. Skaggs, Mr. Norman reported for the Finance Committee:

a. The committee received a request for a Church Extension Fund loan of \$300,000.00 from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wichita. The parish has pledges of \$355,000.00, including cash in hand of \$141,000.00, for a \$425,000.00 education wing project. Mr. Norman noted that a \$300,000.00 loan would deplete the Church Extension Fund and moved, on behalf of the committee, that the Council of Trustees approve a loan in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be repaid over three years, with interest in accordance with Council of Trustees policy and that the parish be authorized to encumber its property as security for an additional \$150,000.00 commercial loan. Fr. Peak seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. The committee is working on the budget for 2007 and needs input from the Bishop and Executive Committee on salary recommendations for Diocesan staff.

5. Fr. peak noted that he had no report from the Architecture, Property and Allied Arts Committee or from its Property and Casualty Insurance subcommittee, but that he planned to schedule a joint meeting of the two groups in the near future.

6. Mrs. Sheedy noted, on behalf of the Stewardship and Planned Giving Committee, that the committee interviewed and recommended hiring Char DeWitte as the Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer.

7. Mrs. Woerman noted that the Communications Committee had nothing to report beyond the communications preparations for General Convention discussed earlier in the meeting.

8. Mthr. Bloxsom stated that the Liturgy, Arts and Music Committee is working on preparations for ordinations on June 3, 2006, and continues to work on preparations for the 149th Convention. The committee has engaged Patricia Clark to compose a hymn to the tune of "Austria" for use at Convention.

9. Fr. Cook reported that the Rev. Darrell Proffitt has replaced the Very Rev. Steve Lipscomb as Chair of the Congregational Development Committee, largely due to Fr. Lipscomb's work load, but that Fr. Lipscomb will continue as a member of the committee.

10. Canon Siegmund reported that the Commission on Ministry will meet in July. She noted that the commission is in transition with respect to admission of candidates to the ordination process and that the "How to Begin" portion of the commission's manual issued in May, 2005, will need to be updated.

Canon Siegmund presented her report:

1. On behalf of the Bishop, she thanked members of the Council of Trustees for their participation at various levels in the Presiding Bishop's visit on May 8 and 9.

2. With respect to deployment issues:

a. She is discussing with the Bishop the appointment of interim clergy at Trinity Parish, Atchison, after the Rev. Ray Hartjen's retirement in July.

b. St. Margaret's Parish, Lawrence, was unable to call the candidate it selected as an Associate, and is restarting the process of calling an Associate.

c. The Rev. Gar Demo has signed a letter of agreement with St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Overland Park, has located a house and is looking forward to beginning his ministry at St. Thomas during the summer.

d. St. John's Parish, Wichita, is engaged in self-study and is on schedule in its search process. The Rev. Nicolette Papanek has signed a letter of agreement as interim pastor and will begin her ministry on June 15, 2006.

3. St. Stephen's Parish and St. Alban's Parish, Wichita, have negotiated a detailed agreement for shared ministry. Although there was some anxiety about issues addressed in the agreement, the process of combining the ministries of the parishes appears to be on track.

4. Since this is Diocesan calendar day, she requested that all committee chairs provide by email, information about scheduled committee meetings for the upcoming year.

A written report of the Bishop's Episcopal Actions since the last Council of Trustees meeting was presented.

Canon Siegmund noted that she is interviewing candidates to fill Dorothy Emory's position on the Diocesan staff.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened in Executive Session with elected members and the Chancellors at 11:10 a.m. to discuss the review of the mutual ministry of the Bishop and Council of Trustees. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the meeting reconvened and adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk