

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

November 14, 2005

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on November 14, 2005, at 4:40 p.m. at The Barn, Valley Falls, Kansas. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, opened the meeting with prayers in thanksgiving for the Episcopate in remembrance of Bishop Samuel Seabury.

Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Michael Morrow, President
Mrs. Linda Bemis
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom
The Rev. James B. 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
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank
Ms. Wendy Sheedy
Mr. Robert Skaggs

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk
Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer
Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor

Diocesan staff members present were:

The Rev. Canon Jo Ann T. Ford, Canon to the Ordinary
C. Jay Currie, Comptroller

Mr. Norman reported that St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, has requested assistance regarding a problem with a boiler in its heating system. He noted that the appropriate process to be followed includes an evaluation of the problem and potential solutions and a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Since the Finance Committee has only recently

received this request and is not yet prepared to report, the matter was referred to the committee for further evaluation.

The Bishop requested that the Council of Trustees approve Deacon Maria J. Hoecker of Brevard, North Carolina, and Deacon Robert Harris, who is engaged in a chaplaincy ministry in Kansas City and provides support services at St. Aidan's Church, Olathe, for ordination to the priesthood. The recommendation was approved for each candidate separately by unanimous consensus.

Bishop Wolfe requested that the Council of Trustees consider terminating the suspension of the Reverend Alan R. Tilson, who was suspended from the exercise of his gifts as a priest by the Right Reverend William E. Smalley a little over two years ago. In the course of discussion, members of the Council of Trustees requested additional information, and the matter was deferred to the December meeting of the Council of Trustees.

Bishop Wolfe noted that, with the advice and consent of the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, in the course of prior meetings, he has deposed Ronald L. McCrary, formerly a priest in the Episcopal Church, and David Oliver Smart, formerly a deacon in the Episcopal Church, pursuant to General Canon IV.10.

Bishop Wolfe noted that the government of Sedgwick County has expressed an interest in acquiring the property owned and occupied by Episcopal Social Services (ESS) of Wichita for a public arena project in Wichita, and that appropriate representatives are working with ESS Wichita to maximize the opportunities for further ministry in Wichita.

Bishop Wolfe presented a letter from Kurt Barnes, Treasurer of the Episcopal Church, setting the annual assessment for the Diocese of Kansas for 2006.

The Bishop noted that all members of the Council of Trustees have been provided a copy of the Diocesan profile that was developed in the search process resulting in his consecration as Ninth Bishop of Kansas to use in the course of planning activities. He noted that Diocesan Administrator Dorothy Emory has provided information about access to the Diocesan web site, including user names and passwords for members of the Council of Trustees, which she will explain in more detail at the next Council of Trustees meeting.

The Bishop noted that there has been further refinement in the Diocesan committee structure and that an insurance committee has met with respect to property insurance issues and a health insurance committee has met with respect to employee benefit issues and the stewardship and development committee is beginning its activity.

Ms. Schille inquired about the status of the Fort Scott property. Bishop Wolfe noted that Deacon Donald Chubb is advising the Diocese on the disposition of this property and that after reaching a tentative agreement to sell the property, he received a counter-offer. It was agreed that it is appropriate to exercise patience with regards to this matter.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk