

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

February 20, 2007

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on February 20, 2007, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, noted that several members were absent due to scheduling conflicts. He called for intercessory prayer concerns before opening the meeting with morning prayer at 10:05 a.m. Bishop Wolfe led the Council of Trustees in morning prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Michael Morrow, President
Mrs. Lisa Adams
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
The Rev. Nicolette Papanek
The Rev. Ronald R. Peak
Ms. Rogene Schille
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mr. Richard Norman
Ms. Wendy Sheedy
Mr. Robert Skaggs

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

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

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Mary K. Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Stewardship and Development.

Mrs. Jenny Kuner, Administrative Assistant
The Rev. Craig Loya, Campus Missioner

Fr. Davidson showed a DVD about St. David's Parish, Topeka, fire recovery. At the conclusion of the DVD, he noted that the parish chapel will be demolished today and the balance of the building demolished tomorrow on Ash Wednesday. Bishop Wolfe presented Fr. Davidson a check in the amount of \$29,615.00 from the St. David's Resurrection Funds established by other parishes of the Diocese. This is an addition to \$5,000.00 that was made immediately available to meet emergencies.

The minutes of January 16, 2007, were approved as corrected.

Mr. Anning presented the Treasurer's report, acknowledging that the report for a single month is not highly informative. He did note that items of extraordinary income are listed separately from operating revenues. Mr. Currie stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed the draft policy for internal controls and audits and expects to make a presentation to the Council of Trustees at its March meeting.

Bishop Wolfe called for committee reports:

a. Executive Committee – Mr. Taylor reported that the committee met after the January Council of Trustees meeting, but took no action and has no report to the Council of Trustees.

b. Ecclesiastical Relations Committee – Mr. Morrow reported for the committee:

1. The committee recommends that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee for the Diocese of Kansas, consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Dabney T. Smith as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, noting that the Council of Trustees had previously voted to approve this consecration by email vote. Fr. Munro seconded the motion to confirm the email vote, and it carried unanimously.

2. The Diocese of Southern Ohio has requested consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Breidenthal as its Bishop. Mr. Morrow provided materials for review prior to the March meeting.

3. The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina has requested reconsideration of actions by standing committees and bishops that declined to consent to the consecration of the Rev. Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina. After discussion, no action was taken by the Council of Trustees. Bishop Wolfe noted that he saw no reason to reconsider his decision to decline consent to this consecration.

4. Mr. Morrow presented a communiqué from Primates of the Anglican Communion concerning their relationship with the Episcopal Church. The communiqué described a pastoral council of five members, which will appoint a primatial vicar to provide

alternative Episcopal oversight. There followed a discussion of several points of the communiqué.

c. In the absence of Mr. Skaggs, there was no additional report by the Finance Committee.

d. Commission on Ministry – Canon Siegmund reported that the commission has met and is reviewing candidates. The ordination date for transitional deacons is June 9 at 10:30 a.m. The ordination of Betty Glover to the priesthood will be June 23, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. The ordinations will be conducted at Grace Cathedral.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. Committee reports continued.

e. Stewardship and Planned Giving – Mrs. DeWitt reported on several matters:

1. She is forming a committee that is diverse, both in terms of skills and geography. The committee needs representation from the Southeast and Southwest Convocations.

2. The Living Wisely seminar is ready to roll out and will be presented at St. Paul's, Manhattan and St. Paul's, Clay Center.

3. The committee is developing marketing materials, using primarily a DVD and a small brochure.

4. Beginning in March, the committee will make available to parishes monthly newsletter articles or bulletin inserts.

5. The committee is stressing the opportunity, which will not be available under current law after 2007, to make tax deductible gifts from an IRA without recognizing income on withdrawal.

6. The committee is working on its two year and five year goals, which are expected to include a major fundraising effort.

f. Outreach – Mrs. Adams presented the written report of the committee, which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Morrow suggested that the Millennium Development Fund resolution adopted by the 75th General Convention be referred to the committee for recommendations for use of the 7/10ths of 1% of parish income dedicated pursuant to the resolution to this fund. It was also agreed that the Millennium Development Fund should be included in the diocesan budget for 2008.

g. Adult Formation – Mr. Morrow reported that the committee will meet on March 7. He also referred to publications by diocesan clergy available for Lenten use: *Organic God* –

Lenten Meditations on the Words of Jesus, by the Rev. Kate Moorehead and *Forward Movements Daily Meditations for Lent 2007* by the Rev. Jonathan Jensen. He had available copies of *The Mission-Shaped Church* and will obtain a copy of a response to that publication available from Amazon.com in the United Kingdom.

h. Committee on Aging – Ms. Schille reported that the committee has received 34 responses to the questionnaire sent to all parishes on issues relating to aging and will have compiled results by the next meeting.

i. Liturgy, Arts and Music – In Mrs. Sheedy's absence, Bishop Wolfe referred to the written report provided with the agenda, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

j. Architecture, Property and Allied Arts – Fr. Peak noted that he had nothing to report from the committee.

k. Higher Education – Fr. Haney noted that the second campus missionary has been hired to start on April 1, 2007. A dedication of improvements to Canterbury House, Lawrence, will be held on March 11, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. Fr. Loya reported on his acclimation to the Diocese, including a vision for ministry to nontraditional students.

l. Community Life – Fr. Davidson referred to the committee's written report distributed with the agenda and attached to and made a part of these minute.

m. Congregational Development – Fr. Cook reported on several matters:

1. The committee has recommended that an expert on church demographics (Tex Sample or Diana Butler Bass) be the keynote speaker for the 148th Diocesan Convention.

2. The committee will facilitate three or four workshops on each Friday morning and Saturday morning of the 148th Convention.

3. The committee will meet on Thursday of this week at St. Andrew's, Emporia.

The Council of Trustees recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. after prayer led by Mr. Morrow. The Council of Trustees reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Canon Siegmund reported on several matters:

1. Ten parishes in the Diocese are currently in the clergy search process.

- St. John's Parish, Wichita, is receiving names of potential clergy.
- St. Michael and All Angels Parish, Mission, Trinity Parish, Atchison, Grace Parish, Winfield, and Trinity Parish, Arkansas City, are engaged in self study.

- St. Martin in the Fields, Edwardsville, continues to confer with a consultant. The Rev. Grant Clowers is providing supply service.
- St. Matthew's Parish, Newton, has formally started a search process for a full time rector.
- St. Thomas Preaching Station, Holton, is beginning to organize and has formed a Bishop's committee.
- St. Christopher's Parish, Wichita, is engaged in negotiations for a priest in charge.
- St. Mary's, Galena and St. Stephen's, Columbus are considering options for the future.

2. The School of Ministry Task Force has met twice and is working on the background and history of the School of Ministry in Kansas. The committee is expected to make recommendations to the Council of Trustees in the spring of 2007.

3. The Health Care Task Force met and will continue to meet to explore options in health care that balance affordable health insurance against quality health care that will not reduce this benefit as an element of clergy compensation.

4. The Congregational Development Committee is working on materials to support a search for a church planter.

5. The Council of Trustees will meet a week early in March – March 13, 2007.

6. The Lay Leadership Academy will be conducted on March 10, 2007.

The Bishop reported on several matters:

1. The Diocese will have four graduating seminarians in 2007 from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds. The Bishop hopes they can be placed in parishes within the Diocese.

2. Activities in the area of congregational growth and development present opportunities for every congregation within the Diocese.

The Bishop concluded that the planning preparation of the Bishop and Council of Trustees is beginning to come together with the appointment of campus missionaries, the search for a church planter and the search process in multiple parishes that provides significant opportunity for congregational development.

Mr. Foote reported that ESS, Wichita, has obtained a 1.3 million dollar ~~grant~~ settlement and will acquire the Breakthrough House building in Wichita.

The Council of Trustees discussed financial irregularities at St. Paul's Parish, Manhattan. Mr. Anning reported that a creative resolution involving the Riley County District Attorney's

Office and civil litigation by the parish resulting in a settlement should result in recovery of all or substantially all of the funds diverted from the parish.

Fr. Munro reported on a meeting at a recent continuing education activity with the Rev. Maria Hoecker, who is doing well as an associate in a parish and sends her gratitude to the Bishop and Council of Trustees and the Diocese of Kansas for their support surrounding the death of her husband.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Bishop Wolfe closed with prayer at 1:12 p.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk