

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

**June 19, 2007**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on June 19, 2007, at Camp Wood YMCA near Elmdale, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman called the meeting to order with Morning Prayer at 10:05 a.m. He also offered a welcome to camp and introduced guests from St. James', Wichita, who would make a presentation.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

- Bishop Wolfe
- Mr. Michael Morrow, President
- The Rev. James Cook
- Mr. Michael W. Murphy
- The Rev. Nicolette Papanek
- The Rev. Ron Peak
- Ms. Rogene Schille
- The Rev. Nancy J. Shank
- Mrs. Wendy Sheedy
- Mr. Robert Skaggs

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

- Mrs. Lisa Adams
- The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson
- The Rev. James Haney V
- The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro
- Mr. Richard Norman

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

- Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor

Also present were:

- Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
- Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller
- Mrs. Charlene DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship
- The Rev. Mary Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary
- The Rev. Susan Terry, Campus Missioner
- Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications
- The Ven. Monte Giddings, Archdeacon and Diocesan Risk Manager
- Members from St. James' Church, Wichita: the Rev. Kate Moorehead, Ms. Deb Brinegar, Mrs. Francis Brinegar and Dr. Lowell Wilder

Minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting of the Council were approved as printed.

Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that because of staffing issues, some May apportionment payments were deposited in June and thus are not reflected in this document. He noted that income is running behind budget, but expenses also are under budget.

Bishop Wolfe then introduced the guests from St. James', who described their upcoming building efforts and capital campaign. The effort will create a new church entrance and better integrate the two distinct sections of the church buildings. It also will provide new restrooms, a remodeled Guild Hall, new offices and a choir room. The parish has grown in recent years from about 550 members to just under a thousand now.

It was moved by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that money raised in a capital campaign by St. James' Church, Wichita, up to \$1.8 million, be exempted from apportionment. It was noted the request has the approval of the Southwest Convocation. The motion passed. It was moved by Mr. Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that St. James' Church, Wichita, be authorized to encumber its property with a commercial loan not to exceed \$1 million. The motion passed.

Archdeacon Giddings spoke on risk management issues. By the end of the year he will have visited about half the parishes of the diocese to assess risk management issues. Taking care of these issues is good stewardship. He also recommended parishes have a disaster plan, since most have no idea what they would do if the church burned down or if they had to respond to a crisis in the community. Bishop Wolfe noted that the Council of Trustees is the custodian of millions of dollars in church property. He also noted the diocese should be making recommendations to some parishes on the need to buy land for future expansion.

Reports from Diocesan Committees:

Stewardship (Char DeWitt). They are working on a turn-key planned giving program that will be implemented over the next nine months. They also will have an annual giving program ready to roll out about Sept. 1 that will include sample printed materials and other items.

Communications (Melodie Woerman). She will be visiting with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori in Western Kansas tomorrow. Work on the new web site continues. The next issue of *The Harvest* will be out by the end of June. She also described the four Polly Bond awards she received at the recent Episcopal Communicators conference.

Community life submitted a printed report.

Young adult – no report.

Adult formation (Mike Morrow) EFM mentor training took place last weekend.

Aging (Rogene Schille). The next meeting will be this Thursday at the cathedral.

Ecclesiastical relations (Mike Morrow). The Council, acting in its capacity as the Standing Committee, needs to consider the application for candidacy of Sarah Knoll-Williams, who just finished her second year at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. It was moved by Mr.

Morrow, seconded by Mrs. Schille, that Sarah Knoll-Williams be approved as a candidate for Holy Orders. The motion passed.

He noted that three diocese – Olympia, Oklahoma and Northwestern Pennsylvania – have requested consent to the people they elected to the episcopacy earlier this year. Mr. Morrow recently has sent information to members. Since consecration of these people is scheduled in September, he recommended votes be taken on these matters at the August meeting, after members have had a chance to review material on diocesan web sites.

Finance (Bob Skaggs). The committee last Thursday discussed the proposed financial mission plan for 2008. He believes an increase in diocesan income, resulting from an increase in income to parishes, will be sufficient to fund most requested increases in the diocesan budget. Mr. Currie noted that the apportionment rate should stay the same, with diocesan income up because parish income is up.

Architecture and Allied arts (Ron Peak). There has been some conversation with St. John's, Parsons about getting on the national historic registry. Bishop Wolfe said that until he can receive better information, he plans to oppose any such move. Such an historic designation comes with no funding and can impede how parishes are allowed to use their buildings.

Liturgy, Arts and Music (Wendy Sheedy) The committee met on June 8. They submitted a written report.

Higher education committee (Susan Terry). The committee submitted a written report. Mother Terry noted she and the Rev. Craig Loya both were at senior high camp and enjoyed their experience. She praised Chad Senuta for the program. The committee recently had a retreat, and the two campus missionaries will be in Seattle for a national campus ministry meeting. There will be a peer ministry retreat in August. Peer ministers have been set up at four campuses.

Bishop Wolfe noted that Father Cook had been chaplain at senior high camp and that Father Peak is chaplain this week, for intermediate camp.

As information was received that Council member Lisa Adams was absent as her father was dying, Bishop Wolfe paused the meeting for prayers for Lisa and her father.

Congregational Development (Jim Cook). The committee has submitted a written report. Bishop Wolfe reported that at the committee's recent meeting they spent a lot of time discussing the position of church planter. Hiring this person is a high priority, but it won't be easy, since every diocese is looking for someone with this skill. He noted all capable clergy in the diocese are "eligible for this call."

Commission on Ministry – (Canon Mary Siegmund). COM meets quarterly, and the next meeting is Sept. 8. Betty Glover's ordination is this Saturday at 10:30 a.m

Father Peak raised the question of diaconal retirement, noting that canons on retirement apply only those receiving compensation, which deacons don't. Bishop Wolfe said this issues needs to be looked at in the coming year.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting resumed with a report from Canon Siegmund on deployment matters. She noted St. John's, Wichita, has called the Rev. Cathy Caimano to start August 1. She offered special thanks to Mother Papanek for her work as their interim. Betty Glover will be priest in charge at Grace, Winfield and Trinity, Arkansas City. The two parishes have formed one vestry and plan to revise their bylaws to reflect this. As priest in charge Betty has the options of submitting her name when they begin a formal search. They will continue working on a parish profile as a helpful means of self-study. St. Michael's has draft narrative, and she will then help train them for their active search. Trinity, Atchison has finished its narrative and is ready to enter the active part of their search. St. Martin's, Edwardsville, has been working with a consultant. Grant Clowers is their supply priest. St. Matthew's, Newton is in the middle of its profile process. St. Christopher's and St. Bartholomew's, Wichita, have formed a task force to explore the identity of the two parishes. Father Tom Wilson and Father Bob Hutchison are working with them. Father Wilson will be leaving for seminary this fall.

She also is working with the Kansas School of Ministry Task Force and with the Ant-Racism Committee. That group hopes to be able to begin offering the required training soon.

Youth (Chad Senuta). He welcomed everyone to camp and expressed appreciation for the support shown by the Bishop and the Council for camp and the youth program. He noted that the youth program has managed to create a community where kids feel connected to God and their peers, and that's why they come to our camps. He noted that the Diocese of Western Kansas has sent some youth to every session of summer camp.

Bishop Wolfe noted Chad will be working this summer with four youth ministry interns, after putting together the financial resources to make this happen. He noted regardless of their future careers, these people will become leaders in the church, chairing vestries, stewardship committees and building campaigns. Some of them may even be ordained.

Bishop Wolfe made his report. He noted he has had discussions about the possibility of a capital campaign, possibly in conjunction with the diocese's 150th anniversary in 2009. He is preparing for the upcoming trip to Kenya, and during that time will be meeting with the archbishop of Kenya, who plans to ordain a bishop in the United States and has done confirmations here in violation of the recommendations of the Windsor Report. He said it will help him to better understand the archbishop's motivations, and that it will be helpful for the archbishop to hear from an American bishop who is impacted by his decisions.

St. Patrick's Church, Long Beach, Miss., sent a check for \$5,000 for tornado and flood relief. He also received a \$400 contribution from Ascension Church in Hattiesburg, Miss. Bishop Wolfe sent \$5,000 to the Bishop of Western Kansas right after the Greensburg tornado hit.

Bishop Wolfe presented several thoughts relating to the proposed parking lot for Grace cathedral.

He noted the upcoming diocesan convention would offer education forums, including workshops on stewardship and church growth. Karen Clowers will be working part-time coordinating convention.

Bishop Wolfe noted he has received his invitation to the 2008 Lambeth Conference.

He reminded members the annual retreat for Council members will be Nov. 13-14 at the Marillac Center in Leavenworth. It will not take place the week of Thanksgiving.

Bishop Wolfe noted recently ordained transitional deacon is the new curate at St. David's, Topeka. The Rev. Zane Wilemon is looking at job possibilities outside the diocese.

There being no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was closed with prayer at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melodie Woerman  
Clerk *pro-temp*