

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

November 17, 2009

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on November 17, 2009, in the Bubb Room at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with prayers at 10:03 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Felix Adams
Dr. Linda Brown
Mr. Gary Chubb
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson
The Venerable Monte Giddings
Mr. Joe Mitchell
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro
Ms. Rogene Schille
Mr. Gery Schoenrock
The Rev. Julianne Sifers
Mr. Robert Skaggs
The Rev. Bill Wolff

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rev. Gail Davis
The Rev. Betty Glover

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Craig Loya, Canon to the Ordinary
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
The Rev. Susan Terry, Campus Missioner
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Diocesan Stewardship Officer
Mr. Larry Bingham, Capital Campaign Chair

Mr. Bingham reported on the Diocesan Capital Campaign. He noted that the campaign focus has evolved into an emphasis on the Kansas School for Ministry, essential to training leadership in a diocese with many rural parishes. Campaign activity has recommenced after a delay of about one year with the assistance of RSI as a campaign consultant. He noted that Mr. Chubb, Mr. Schoenrock and Mthr. Sifers have been active on the campaign cabinet and that Mr. Chubb has been working with the Building Committee. A communications committee chaired by Mr. Gary Griffiths has also been active.

Mr. Chubb reported for the Building Committee about concepts for building new space and repurposing the existing space at Bethany Place, relying on the donated services of Rob and Dixie Junk who are communicants at St. Michael's and All Angels and principals in Junk Architects. There was some discussion about the selection of architects and the eventual selection of contractors; the chancellor noted that any contracts are subject to approval by the Council of Trustees.

Mr. Bingham reported that the campaign would begin in February 2010 and that a pre-campaign to raise \$250,000.00 to pay expenses has achieved receipts of \$97,000.00 to date. After further discussion of several facets of the capital campaign, the trustees recessed at 11:20 and reconvened at 11:30.

Bishop Wolfe presented minutes of two Council of Trustees meetings on October 23, 2009, for review. On motion by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Currie presented the treasurer's report. He noted that temporarily restricted contributions in excess of \$700,000.00 reflected on the balance sheet include proceeds of the payoff of a note from Christ Church Anglican, proceeds of the sale of the building of St. Stephen's Church, Columbus, and advanced gifts to the capital campaign. He also noted that about \$32,000.00 in parish apportionments due in October 2009 were received after month end. The outstanding balance on October 31 of the Diocesan's line of credit was \$133,432.92.

Mr. Skaggs reported that the Finance Committee had approved and completed the loan to St. John's, Parsons, authorized by the Council of Trustees on October 23, 2009. The actual loan amount was \$27,785.00 to be amortized over four years at 4.5% interest per annum. As he reported to the Council of Trustees at a prior meeting, the urgency of the loan was based on newly discovered evidence that the roof of the church building needs significant repair and might not withstand winter snowfall. He also reported that some of the repair costs will be paid by insurance proceeds and to the extent that insurance proceeds are received, they will be immediately applied by the parish to the loan.

Mr. Schoenrock reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee that the Rev. Scott Anson Benhase has been elected Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Georgia. He recommended that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese consent to this election. His motion was duly seconded and passed without dissent.

Canon Loya reported that in his first three weeks in his new position, he has identified three areas of priority:

- With respect to deployment, St. James', Wichita, and Trinity, Eldorado, are working to locate interim pastors. He is also completing a position description for the Campus Missioner position he recently vacated, which may be published as early as this afternoon.
- There are as many as 30 people in some stage of the ordination process in the Diocese, a high number for the size of the Diocese. He is reviewing and organizing records in this process.
- He will be working with Diocesan staff to ensure that the Diocese has complete position descriptions for each.

Bishop Wolfe reported on several matters:

- After hiring Canon Loya, he is working with him to define his position and direct his activities.
- In his capacity as Bishop Visitor to the Companions of St. Luke, a religious order headquartered in Iowa, he has issued a temporary inhibition of the Abbot pending investigation of various charges of misconduct.
- He has been working with a parish in the Diocese to clarify ambiguities surrounding the recent retirement of its priest.
- He has been involved at a significant level in the resumption of the Diocesan Capital Campaign.
- He described the dedication of St. David's, Topeka, and additions to St. Paul's, Leavenworth, that improve access and functionality of the church building.
- He participated in the celebration of new ministry for the Rev. Shawn Streepy as rector of Grace Church, Chanute, and is preparing for similar celebrations for the Rev. Marcus Cunningham at Epiphany Church, Sedan, and the Rev. Andrew O'Connor at Good Shepherd Church, Wichita.

There was a general discussion about the 150th Diocesan Convention and the visit of the Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori and other activities relating to the 150th anniversary of the Diocese.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk