

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

**December 15, 2009**

The Council of Trustees met in regular session on December 15, 2009, in the Bubb Room of Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas. The meeting began at 10:01 a.m. with Morning Prayer, the Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas, presiding.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. Gery Schoenrock, President  
Dr. Linda Brown  
Mr. Gary Chubb  
The Reverend Betty Glover  
Mr. Joe Mitchell  
The Very Reverend Michael Munro  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
Mr. Felix Adams  
The Reverend Bill Wolff  
The Reverend Juli Sifers  
The Venerable Monte Giddings  
Mr. Bob Skaggs  
The Reverend Dr. Don Davidson

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Reverend Gail Davis

Also present were:

The Reverend Canon Craig Loya, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mr. Chad Senuta, Diocesan Youth Missioner  
Ms. Char DeWitt, Director of Stewardship and Development  
Mr. Jay Currie, Diocesan Comptroller  
Ms. Melodie Woermann, Director of Communications  
Ms. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
The Reverend Susan Terry, Campus Missioner  
The Reverend Philip Hubbard, Church Planter  
Deacon Steve Segebrecht  
The Reverend Art Ranthbun  
The Reverend Matt Zimmermann

Ms. Melodie Woerman presented the ministry focus on the work of the Office of Communications for the diocese.

The Council considered the minutes of its November 17, 2009, meeting. It was noted that in the Canon's report it should be St. James', Wichita and not St. John's of the same city. Ms. Schille moved, with Mr. Skaggs providing the second, that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried without objection.

Mr. Currie, in the absence of the Diocesan Treasurer, presented the financial report. Three parishes remain delinquent in their 2009 apportionment. The balance on our current line of credit is \$125,000. The report was received for audit.

Mr. Skaggs, Chair of the diocesan Finance Committee, made the following report: St. Margaret's in Lawrence is working hard to move forward although they remain in considerable debt. Total debt is about \$1.3 million. Mr. Skaggs on behalf of the committee moved, with Mr. Mitchell providing the second, that the diocese grant St. Margaret's a new 3-year loan from the Church Extension Fund at current prime interest, authorizing an additional \$100,000 for the purpose of paying down principal on a current bank loan. Total amount of loan from the diocese would be \$292,000. After discussion the motion was approved without objection.

Fr. Davidson left the meeting, and Ms. Woerman was appointed as temporary clerk pro-tem.

Mr. Skaggs reported on parishes delinquent in apportionment payments, noting that five are more than 30 days behind. The bishop and canon will be in conversation with some of the parishes, and the Council has already been in touch with others. He noted that the diocese has eight parishes fully compliant with the new guidelines for parish audits. Two parishes are in the process of completing their audit but are significantly late. Two other parishes have completed a limited audit that is not in compliance with the guidelines. He noted that letters soon will be going out to about 80 percent of the parishes of the diocese on this matter. Bishop Wolfe noted that parishes and clergy benefit from this new level of audit transparency, since it shows that people are being careful stewards of the money entrusted to them.

There was a discussion about how best to allocate funds received from the pre-payment of the outstanding settlement with Christ Church Anglican in Overland Park. The Council deferred a decision until its January meeting.

Deacon Segebrecht and Mrs. DeWitt presented proposed policies that will apply to gifts to the proposed diocesan capital campaign. They presented a policy to create a Higher Education Fund, to receive any special gifts earmarked for the work of higher education in the diocese. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Schoenrock, seconded by Mr. Skaggs, that the policy as presented by the committee (including the suggested changes by Mr. Anning) be adopted. The motion was adopted.

On the proposed change to the existing diocesan policy on gift acceptance, it was noted that an errant period is in the middle of a sentence and needs to be removed. The proposed policy

was considered thus amended. After discussion it was moved by Father Wolff, seconded by Mr. Chubb, that this policy, as amended, be adopted. The motion was adopted.

A proposed change to the existing diocesan policy on privileged information was presented. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Skaggs that this proposal be tabled until the January Council meeting. The motion was adopted.

Fr. Davidson rejoined the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Ms. DeWitt reported concerning the Capital Campaign. A theme has been decided upon and should be announced soon.

Fr. Hubbard reported that there continues to be growth at the emerging St. Claire's church. He indicated that it had become quite clear that a location is needed. He said that the church is forming a land advisory committee. He discussed some land plans that looked good.

Canon Loya reported on church rector search processes:

- Trinity, Lawrence, is finishing their parish profile.
- St. James in Wichita and Trinity in El Dorado are considering potential interim rectors.
- St. Matthew's in Newton is beginning their process.
- He is also beginning to receive names to fill the second Campus Missioner position.

Bishop Wolfe reported on several matters:

- The Bishop reported that he has begun the process, at the request of the archdeacons, to write a customary for his visitations.
- Anti-racism training was successful; he would like to assemble a team so that training could be held more often.
- The Bishop commented on the Capital Campaign and the need to move forward without delay. He also gave the Council the charge to participate fully as leaders in the diocese.
- The Bishop's Ball was successful, and the Bishop extended his appreciation to all who made the event possible and those who attended.
- The Bishop made brief remarks about the election of the Reverend Canon Mary Glasspool as Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He noted that he felt that Canon Glasspool was qualified and gifted and that her gifts for the position might get lost in the interest about her personal life. The Bishop will cast his consent vote after the Council makes its decision.

It was announced that the Outreach and Mission Committee needs new members.

The next meeting of the council will be January 26, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Don Davidson  
with assistance from Ms. Melodie Woerman