

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

**February 17, 2009**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on February 17, 2009, in the Bubb Room at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Gery Schoenrock, President, convened the meeting with prayer at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Canon Mary K. Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary, led opening devotions.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. Felix Adams  
Mrs. Lisa Adams  
Mr. Gary Chubb  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Rev. Gail Davis  
The Venerable Monte Giddings  
The Rev. Betty Glover  
Dr. Bill Hargrove  
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
Mr. Schoenrock  
The Rev. Julianne Sifers  
The Rev. Bill Wolff

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman  
Dr. Linda Brown

The meeting was held in Bishop Wolfe's absence due to illness, with his consent.

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk

Also present were:

Canon Siegmund  
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller  
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship  
Mr. Robert Skaggs, Chairman, Finance Committee

Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
Mr. Chad Senuta, Youth Missioner  
The Rev. Craig Loya, Campus Missioner

Mr. Schoenrock presented minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2009. On motion by Ms. Schille, seconded by Mrs. Adams, the minutes were approved as presented.

In the absence of Treasurer Douglas K. Anning, Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's report. He reviewed the January 31, 2009, Income Statement and made the following observations:

- Apportionment payments for January were short about \$86,000.00, but apportionments delinquent from 2008 in the amount of about \$52,000.00 were received. Substantial additional apportionment payments were received after month end.
- Expenses for January were about \$32,000.00 under budget, but some January bills will be paid in February.
- The main concern continues to be the timing of apportionment payments as it affects cash flow.
- The Diocese used the line of credit approved by the Council of Trustees at its January meeting to the extent of \$25,000.00, but Mr. Currie expects that further access to the line of credit will not be required in February.

There followed an extended discussion about delinquent apportionments and information that would be useful to the Council of Trustees. Mr. Schoenrock asked each member of the Council of Trustees to report on the sense in his or her own parish about budget and apportionment payments. The reports were uniformly optimistic. It was noted that the Diocese has an ongoing obligation for capital campaign support to RSI in the amount of \$18,600.00 per month for all of 2009 and that additional expenses when the campaign moves forward will include fifty to sixty thousand dollars in marketing expenses and several thousand dollars in other campaign expenses. Mr. Currie noted that General Convention expenses for transportation, housing and meals for deputies would be in the range of \$40,000.00.

Mr. Senuta made a ministry focus presentation on Diocesan Youth Ministry, highlighting nine events and several governance and management activities over the last year. At the conclusion of his presentation Deacon Giddings noted, and the Trustees agreed, that Diocesan Youth Ministry operates at a very high level in comparison to other dioceses in the Church and that Mr. Senuta's ministry is a particular blessing to the Diocese of Kansas.

Fr. Loya reported briefly on Campus Ministry, including the two organized campus ministries and 14 parish partners. He noted that the newest initiative in this area is Campus Ministry at Wichita State University in conjunction with several Wichita parishes.

Mr. Skaggs reported for the Finance Committee:

- Budget hearings for the 2009 budget will be held at Grace Cathedral on April 4, 2009. Specific notices will be mailed within the next few days.
- The Finance Committee reviewed apportionment computation for Grace Parish, Ottawa, and discovered that income for a recent year was over-reported by \$8,500.00 as reflected in the parish's annual audit. He recommended an adjustment to parish income and to the apportionment computation consistent with the corrected reporting. This change would result in a net apportionment decrease of about \$400.00 for 2009. Fr. Munro moved, seconded by Mr. Chubb, to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously, with Mthr. Davis abstaining.

The Council of Trustees recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. DeWitt presented her written report on the Capital Campaign, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. She noted that the Capital Campaign goal has been tentatively set at four million dollars based on feedback during the discernment phase of the campaign. She discussed a time line for the appointment of campaign leaders and committees.

Canon Siegmund reported on several matters:

- The Lay Leadership Academy will be conducted at Grace Cathedral on March 7, 2009.
- The next Council of Trustees meeting has been moved to March 10, 2009, at Grace Cathedral to accommodate Bishop Wolfe's attendance at a House of Bishops' meeting over the regular meeting date.
- Budget hearing for the 2009 budget will be held at Grace Cathedral on April 4, 2009.
- The Congregational Development Committee will sponsor a conference on "The Magnetic Church" featuring Andrew Weeks at St. Michaels and All Angels Parish, Mission, on May 8-9, 2009. Participants may register through the Rev. Gar Demo at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Overland Park.
- Chrism Mass is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7, 2009. Lunch will follow.
- Liturgies to kick off the celebration of the 150th anniversary year of the Diocese have been conducted in the Southwest, Southeast and Northwest Convocations. The Northeast Convocation Liturgy will be at St. Margaret's Parish, Lawrence, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2009. In connection with the anniversary, Bishop Wolfe will be announcing collections for an hallelujah fund during Lent to benefit Habitat for Humanity.
- St. Margaret's Parish, Lawrence, Good Shepherd Parish, Wichita, and Epiphany Parish, Sedan, continue in their transition from profile development to the active search phase in calling new pastors.
- Grace Parish, Chanute, is beginning profile preparation in its search process.

Mthr. Sifers noted that the Rev. Mark Anschutz, during the Council; of Trustees retreat in November 2008, provided a sheet on which each member of the Council of Trustee could list personal prayer intentions. It was suggested that completed prayer sheets be returned to Canon Siegmund, who will collate them and circulate information.

Mthr. Davis inquired about the status of policies for caring for children. Canon Siegmund noted that revised policies are pending and would be presented to the Council of Trustees when appropriate feedback has been obtained from the Chancellor and others.

Mthr. Glover inquired about the anti-racism training. Canon Siegmund noted that three representatives of the Diocese of Kansas had recently completed shared training with another diocese.

Mrs. Adams presented written reports for the Community Life Committee and the Outreach Committee. She noted that the Outreach Committee will present proposals for outreach grants to the Council of Trustees at its March meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer by Canon Siegmund at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk