

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

April 15, 2008

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., met on April 15, 2008, at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship at 10 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
The Rev. Ronald R. Peak, President
Mr. Felix Adams
Mrs. Lisa Adams
Dr. Linda Brown
Mr. Gary Chubb
The Rev. James Cook
The Rev. James P. Haney V
Ms. Rogene Schille
Mr. Gery Schoenrock
The Rev. Nancy Shank
The Rev. Julianne Sifers
The Very Rev. Michael Munro joined the meeting at 11 a.m.

Members of the Council absent were:

The Rev. Donald Davidson
Mr. Bill Hargrove

Advisor to the Council of Trustees present was:

Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Mary Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mr. C.J. Currie, Comptroller of the Diocese and Assistant Treasurer
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications
Mrs. Charlene DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship
The Rev. Craig Loya, Campus Missioner

Bishop Wolfe noted that in the absence of Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, the Council's clerk, and the Rev. Donald Davidson, assistant clerk, minutes today would be taken by Mrs. Woerman.

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2008. Mrs. Adams noted several corrections, which then were made. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

Mr. Currie presented the treasurer's report. He noted that the \$44,041 deficit shown on the report is due to several parishes submitting apportionment payments checks after the end of the accounting period, as well as one parish that is behind. He commended those who are responsible for expenditures for doing a good job of staying under budget for the most part. He was asked how the budget would handle a shortfall that might come from apportionments. He noted that a \$40,000 budget reserve was built into the 2007 Mission Plan; those funds would be used, and anything beyond that would have to come from budget savings.

Bishop Wolfe asked the Council to consider how it wanted to receive information from committees, and he suggested that the current reports are not as helpful as they could be. He suggested some committees need clearer goals, while others may need to be combined for more collaborative work. He noted that the things that generate the most passion are the things the Council needs to be working on, and he said this would be a topic for the next meeting in May.

The bishop called for staff reports and reports of committees:

- Father Loya reported on behalf of Mr. Chad Senuta for the Children's and Youth Ministries Committee. Happening #80 took place in March, and New Beginnings (a Happening-like experience for junior high-aged students) was in April. The Council then watched a video of winter and spring youth activities that Mr. Senuta had prepared. Father Loya noted that this will be a busy summer for youth activities – three weeks of camp, the every-three-years Episcopal Youth Event (the diocese has two youth selected to be in the EYE band), another Happening in August and four summer youth interns.
- Mrs. DeWitt reported for the Stewardship and Development Committee. The diocese has signed a contract with RSI to conduct the study for the proposed capital campaign. She detailed the steps her office is taking to obtain people for personal interviews and convocationwide focus groups. An online survey will be open to everyone in the diocese. The study should be completed by RSI this summer, and results will be submitted to the Council at their September meeting. Should there be a decision to proceed, Council action could be taken in time for something to come before Diocesan Convention in October. Development of key donors then would take place in the next year, with the general phase of a campaign to be kicked off in 2009 at the 150th Convention.

The Council recessed for lunch, at which time Father Haney, rector of Good Shepherd, gave a tour of the building. The Council was joined for lunch by Mr. Mike Morrow, chair of the Adult Formation Committee, who remained during the afternoon. Upon reconvening, staff reports and reports of committees continued.

- Mrs. Woerman reported that she had received three awards during the recent meeting of Episcopal Communicators, including a first-place award for news photo, a second-place award for news writing and a second-place award in the overall category of General Excellence, or best publication.
- Father Loya reported for both the Higher Education and the Young Adult Committees. He noted that the Young Adult Committee hasn't really functioned in more than a year, and he and Mother Susan Terry are exploring whether that committee and Higher Education ought to merge. Reporting on behalf of Higher Education, he noted that two campus ministry interns are in the budget for the next school year, and two outstanding candidates will be visiting the diocese soon. He said that three grants to parishes have been made from the new program begun this year, with more pending. Many grants will help subsidize hospitality events or activities for students. He reported on activities planned in several parishes and noted that starting campus ministry bears some resemblance to starting a new parish – we are starting something that wasn't there before.
- Mrs. Adams reported for the Community Life Committee. The committee met at the hotel where Diocesan Convention will take place, noting that more hotel rooms will be reserved than last year.
- Mr. Morrow reported for the Adult Formation Committee. He said there are 120 people enrolled in Education for Ministry in the diocese, and that the EFM program soon will be available online. EFM mentor training will be offered in June and again in January. The committee also is purchasing the Kerygma Bible study series that it can make available as a resource to parishes. He noted that Deacon Bob Hirst is taking over responsibility for lay education courses offered by the committee. They also are exploring the possibility of offering retreats.
- Mother Sifers reported for the Liturgy, Arts and Music Committee. The group is waiting on a theme for Diocesan Convention to begin its work. It is using Facebook as a way to communicate among committee members.
- Mrs. Adams reported for the Mission, Outreach and Ministry Committee, noting that addition of the Environmental Stewardship Team has brought some new energy to the group.
- Father Cook reported for the Congregational Development Committee. He said that group has had three main areas of emphasis recently: hiring a church planter, working on Diocesan Convention and supporting existing congregations. The group still is trying to establish a “bureau” in the southern half of the diocese, especially to oversee congregational development needs there. CDC materials soon will be posted on the diocesan web site.
- Father Munro reported for the Commission on Ministry. He said interviews will be conducted at the May 3 meeting. Father Haney then spoke for the Examining Chaplains,

noting that they will be working with the one ordinand who needs some additional academic assistance.

- Mr. Adams noted he had no report from the Health Insurance Task Force. Bishop Wolfe said the House of Bishops heard a report that the Church Insurance Company is planning a nationwide insurance plan. He said the plan had broad support among the bishops. He will send a copy of this report to Mr. Adams. Father Haney said the plan also had been sent to members of the House of Deputies.
- Canon Siegmund reported for the Kansas School for Ministry Task Force. The most important development has been the appointment of a KSM dean, the Rev. Andrew Grosso. With his appointment, the work of the task force is concluded, and Father Grosso will oversee further work with KSM, including creating programs for those needing to begin studies this fall.

Canon Siegmund also made the canon's report. She noted the challenge in finding priests and trained interims to serve parishes in dioceses west of the Mississippi River, and some deployment officers are hoping to establish transition fairs for western regions. She noted that budget hearings are coming up soon, and that several parishes have completed their search processes. Trinity, Atchison's new rector is the Rev. Andrew Grosso. St. Matthew's, Newton's new rector is the Rev. Eric Anderson. The Rev. Gail Greenwell, the new rector of St. Michael's, Mission, now is in place. She is working with St. Andrew's, Derby; Epiphany, Sedan; and St. Martin's, Edwardsville, as they search for new clergy leadership. The Rev. Dan Northway is retiring in June; he has been serving at St. Paul's, Marysville, and St. Mark's, Blue Rapids.

Bishop Wolfe made his report. He noted that the planning for the fundraising study has generated a great of activity within the office. He also has begun studying for this summer's Lambeth Conference, with a reading list of 10-15 books. He also is seeking input from the diocese's deputies to General Convention in order to have a fuller diocesan response. Father Peak asked about the recent deposition of bishops, and Bishop Wolfe noted that the Presiding Bishop's chancellor and other legal experts determined those actions met the canonical requirements and followed the same procedure as other episcopal depositions in recent years. The bishop also reported on the new Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin.

Bishop Wolfe noted the next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 10 a.m. at Grace Cathedral, Topeka.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer at 2:05 p.m.

Melodie Woerman
Clerk *pro tempore*