

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

**August 20, 2002**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas, on August 20, 2002. The Rt. Rev. William E. Smalley, Bishop of Kansas and Chairman, convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and led opening prayers. Trustees present were:

Bishop Smalley  
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom  
The Rev. Matthew Cobb  
Mr. Frank Connizzo  
Ms. Jean Crutchfield  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
Mr. Harry Denman  
The Rev. Richard W. McCandless  
Mr. Michael B. Morehead  
Mr. Michael Morrow  
The Rev. Dr. Darrel D. Proffitt  
Mr. Robert W. Skaggs

Trustees absent were:

Mrs. Linda Bemis  
The Rev. Jo Ann T. Smith  
The Rev. William J. Wood

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk  
Mr. Richard Foote, Vice Chancellor

Also present was Mr. Ed Mills.

Bishop Smalley announced that Mr. Larry J. Bingham has resigned as Treasurer of the Diocese in order to serve as Chair of the Search Committee. He introduced Ed Mills of Trinity Church, Lawrence, as his nominee to be Treasurer Pro Tem of the Diocese until the 143rd Convention. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Crutchfield and approved unanimously.

Fr. McCandless suggested a correction on page 4 of the minutes of July 16, 2002. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Fr. Davidson presented a draft of the Diocesan budget. He noted that the proposed operating budget would require an apportionment rate of 16.58% and an additional apportionment of 1.91% would be required to fund the search for the Ninth Bishop of Kansas. There was an extended discussion of the proposed budget and how it should be presented. When the discussion was concluded, Fr. Davidson moved the approval of the proposed budget on behalf of the Finance, Loan and Apportionment Committee. Mthr. Bloxsom seconded the motion, which was approved with Fr. Proffitt abstaining.

Ms. Crutchfield reported for the Administration and Personnel Committee:

1. The committee recommends that the Diocese provide supplemental health insurance for The Rev. Canon David W. Kent upon his retirement. Mr. Skaggs noted that under current laws applying to military retirement, the cost of supplemental insurance would be nominal. Further discussion of the matter was deferred to the September meeting. Mr. Skaggs will discuss this matter with Canon Kent prior to the September meeting.

2. The committee reviewed information provided by Mr. Stankiewicz about the availability of umbrella coverage through Church Insurance Company. It was noted that umbrella coverage is required under current Diocesan policy and suggested that parishes be reminded of this requirement. Mr. Stankiewicz will notify the parishes.

Bishop Smalley noted that a screening committee has interviewed applicants for Canon to the Ordinary and has reached a consensus recommendation which will be announced when details are resolved.

Mthr. Bloxsom reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee:

1. Voting members of the Council of Trustees need to execute documentation associated with acts previously approved.

2. The committee recommends that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas. Mr. Denman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. The committee recommends that the Council of Trustees, acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of The Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. The committee recommends that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for

the Diocese of Colorado. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denman and carried unanimously.

5. The committee recommends that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, approve shortening the period of Transitional Diaconate for The Rev. Margaret K. Dagg and The Rev. Nicolette Papanek to six months and consent to their ordination. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

6. A letter from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Mississippi, expressing disappointment with an exception to "Called to Common Mission" on ordination of an E.L.C.A. Pastor was read.

There followed a discussion of the Bishop's report to the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee. The Council of Trustees recessed for lunch at noon and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Fr. Davidson reported for the Finance, Loan and Apportionment Committee:

1. One parish -- St. Paul's, Kansas City, Kansas -- remains delinquent on its 2001 Diocesan apportionment and the Council of Trustees will need to make a recommendation about the eligibility of its lay delegates to have seat and voice at the 143rd Convention. Three parishes in addition to St. Paul's remain significantly delinquent on 2002 apportionment.

2. The committee recommends that the following resolution be proposed to the 143rd Convention:

RESOLVED that the 143rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas suspend the 1999 resolution lowering the effective apportionment rate to 15% by the 2004 budget (proposed at the 2003 convention), and cap the rate at 16.5% for the 2004 budget (proposed at the 2003 convention) and the 2005 budget (proposed at the 2004 convention).

Mr. Morrow seconded the recommendation, which carried with Fr. Proffitt abstaining.

Mr. Denman reported for the Mission and Planning Committee:

1. The committee approved and forwarded to the Committee on Debatable Resolutions for the 143rd Convention a resolution entitled "Plan of Mission For The Diocese of Kansas."

2. The Southeast Convocation will be conducting a convocation retreat to be facilitated by The Rev. Ben Edward Helmer, Missioner for Rural and Small Church

Communities Congregational Development Staff, at the Episcopal Church Center. The retreat will be conducted on September 7, 2002.

Bishop Smalley noted that he will need the input of the committee on Mission and Planning with respect to other Mission issues in the near future.

There was a discussion of the agenda for the 143rd Convention and the proposed debatable resolutions to be presented to the convention. The Chancellor noted that a resolution proposed by Mr. Robert L. Eastman, St. Paul's Church, Coffeyville, entitled "Reduction of Bishop's Compensation," should not be presented as a debatable resolution, but that it would be properly presented as a motion to amend the proposed budget when the budget is under consideration on the floor of Convention. There was a consensus that the Council of Trustees should recommend that the Committee on Debatable Resolutions present the remaining proposed resolutions in the following order:

1. The Council of Trustees resolution proposed in this meeting with respect to apportionment.
2. Changing the Apportionment System.
3. Plan of Mission for the Diocese of Kansas.
4. Direct Ordination.
5. A Resolution on the Bishop's Policy.

Bishop Smalley requested funding from the Lay Education Fund for Sue Crew to attend the Province VII Christian Education Network as the representative of the Diocese with estimated expenses of \$575.00 and for five representatives of the Diocese to attend the event "Will our faith have children? Christian Formation Generation to Generation" to be held in Chicago on February 13-17, 2003, at an estimated cost of \$3,950.00. Fr. Davidson moved, seconded by Mthr. Bloxsom, that these amounts be funded from the Lay Education Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

The Bishop presented a question raised by Diocesan staff whether Council of Trustees minutes should be published on the Diocesan website. It was the consensus of the Council of Trustees that minutes should be published on the website once approved.

The Bishop's Search Committee asked the Council of Trustees to determine whether an observer from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America should be invited to meet with the Search Committee. Fr. Proffitt moved, seconded by Mr. Denman, that an observer should be invited. The motion carried with Fr. Davidson voting no.

Mr. Denman read a statement concerning the Bishop's policy entitled "The Creation of a Context for Holy Matrimony and the Blessing of Other Committed Relationships in the Diocese of Kansas." After some discussion, Fr. Proffitt moved that the Council of Trustees issue a statement that this policy is the policy of the Bishop promulgated without the counsel of the Council of Trustees. Mr. Denman seconded the motion and Bishop Smalley relinquished the chair to Ms. Crutchfield. After further discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. The vote was five to five and the motion did not carry.

Mr. Skaggs requested on behalf of the Committee on College Work that the Council of Trustees reconsider its policy on the reimbursement of campus chaplains who function as supply priests. It was noted that Diocesan policy provides "When serving as supply clergy, campus chaplains should be reimbursed for their travel expenses, and gifts to their discretionary funds are appropriate." Bishop Smalley noted that campus chaplains and other Diocesan staff members are exempted from ordinary supply clergy compensation because they are employees whose compensation is funded from the Diocesan budget. Mr. Skaggs will work with Canon Kent to determine whether current policy needs to be refined.

Bishop Smalley noted that the Council of Trustees is scheduled to meet on September 17, 2002, at St. John's Parish, Wichita. Mr. Morrow and The Rev. William Wood will prepare the agenda.

The Bishop suggested that the Council of Trustees meet for lunch prior to the commencement of the first plenary session of the 143rd Convention. It was agreed that the Council of Trustees would plan to convene at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 18, at a location to be announced at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk