

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

**October 15, 2005**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on October 15, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting at lunch recess during the Diocesan Convention Gathering with the Doxology and opening prayer.

Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
Mr. Michael Morrow, President  
Mrs. Linda Bemis  
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom  
The Rev. James B. Cook  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Rev. James P. Haney V  
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro  
The Rev. Ronald R. Peak  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank  
Ms. Wendy Sheedy  
Mr. Robert Skaggs

Trustees absent were:

Mr. Michael Murphy  
Mr. Richard Norman

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk  
Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor  
Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer

Diocesan staff members present were:

The Rev. Canon Jo Ann T. Ford, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mr. C. Jay Currie, Comptroller  
Mrs. Dorothy Emory, Diocesan Administrator

Bishop Wolfe welcomed four new members to the Council of Trustees, all of whom are clergy representatives of their respective convocations:

Fr. Cook  
Fr. Davidson  
Fr. Peak  
Mtr. Shank

Bishop Wolfe outlined his expectations for members of the Council of Trustees:

1. Pray as elders of the Diocese and leaders in the faith in support of the work of the Council of Trustees and its members.
2. Communicate in the Council of Trustees in a spirit that allows candid and, when necessary, confidential dialogue.
3. Expect to engage in the work of leadership in the Diocese and its boards and committees.
4. Prepare in committees and otherwise for meetings of the Council of Trustees and use discretion in deciding what issues merit detailed discussion by the Council of Trustees as a whole.

The Bishop emphasized the importance of prayer in support of the Diocese and its mission and ministry.

The next item of business to come before the Council of Trustees was the election of officers for 2006. The following officers were elected by the unanimous consensus of the Council of Trustees:

President – Mr. Morrow  
Clerk – Mr. Taylor  
Assistant Clerk – Mrs. Emory  
Assistant Treasurer – Mr. Currie

Bishop Wolfe noted that the Council of Trustees will meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning December 20, 2005. The Bishop will be at a House of Bishops meeting and will not attend the Council of Trustees meeting on March 21, 2006. The meeting scheduled for June 20, 2006, will be moved to June 27, 2006, to accommodate General Convention. There will be no meeting in July 2006. The Council of Trustees will meet in October 2006 on October 20 and October 21 during the 147th Diocesan Convention.

Bishop Wolfe announced that the Council of Trustees planning retreat will be conducted at The Barn at Valley Falls, Kansas, beginning with lunch at noon on Monday, November 14, and concluding with lunch on Tuesday, November 15, 2005.

Mr. Anning announced that there is no treasurer's report. Mr. Currie noted that the Diocese is in relatively good financial shape and that although the 2005 Diocesan budget contemplated a deficit of \$250,000.00, the actual deficit will be closer to \$125,000.00. He also noted that parishes and members of the Diocese have contributed over \$68,000.00 to Episcopal Relief and Development for hurricane relief.

Canon Ford reported that St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Overland Park, is receiving the names of candidates for Rector. She also noted that several clergy retirements are anticipated within the next few years and will create new clergy deployment needs.

Bishop Wolfe explained that the work of the Council of Trustees is conducted primarily in committees and not in meetings of the Council. He identified several current priorities:

1. The Campus Ministry Committee is working on its search for a campus missionary. The committee is also working on programming on various campuses within the Diocese and giving some attention to the condition of campus ministry facilities.
2. The Congregational Development Committee continues to work on a potential church plan in Johnson County and has had some preliminary discussions about congregational development in Wichita. The Bishop has had some preliminary meetings with interested parties.
3. The Finance Committee's process for the development and communication of the 2006 budget will serve as a model for budget development in future years.

The Bishop asked each member of the Council of Trustees and staff present to introduce himself or herself, to describe his or her current involvement in the work of the Council of Trustees, and to identify hopes or aspirations.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was closed with prayer at 12:45 p.m.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk