

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

January 18, 2005

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on January 18, 2005, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, opened the meeting with prayer and devotions, using the Propers for the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Mike Morrow, President
The Very Rev. Jerry D. Adinolfi, Jr.
Mrs. Linda Bemis
The Rev. Barbara K. Bloxsom
The Rev. Denis B. Ford
The Rev. James P. Haney V
The Very Rev. R. Steve Lipscomb
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro
Mr. Michael W. Murphy
Mr. Richard Norman
Ms. Rogene Schille
Ms. Wendy Sheedy
Mr. Robert Skaggs

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rev. William J. Wood

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

The Rev. Canon Jo Ann T. Smith, Canon to the Ordinary
Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Secretary
Mr. C. Jay Currie, Comptroller
Ms. Dorothy Emory, Diocesan Administrator
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Communications Director

The minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2004, were approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

1. For the Children's and Youth Ministries Committee, Bishop Wolfe described his recent attendance at the Miqra event and his impression of the enthusiasm and dedication of the youth involved.

2. For the Young Adult and Higher Education Committee, Fr. Haney presented a written report from Deacon Monte Giddings, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

3. Mr. Morrow reported for the Adult Formation Committee:

- a. The committee has set a May date for a training program.
- b. The committee is preparing to send a survey to parishes to define adult education programs currently in existence.
- c. Education for Ministry mentors met in Lawrence last week.

4. Mr. Morrow moved, on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee, that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese consent to the election of the Rev. Canon James Robert Mathes as the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego. The motion carried without dissent.

5. Mr. Taylor reported for the Administration and Personnel Committee that housing allowances for 2005 should be set as follows:

Bishop Wolfe - \$48,000.00

Canon Smith - \$20,600.00

For the Campus Chaplains, the Rev. Matthew Cobb and the Rev. Joseph S. T. Alford, whose tenures are concluding, housing allowances should be set at the same level as last year. The housing allowances were approved by consensus of the Council of Trustees.

6. Mr. Skaggs reported for the Finance Committee:

- a. Discussion by the committee has started for the preparation of the 2006 budget.
- b. The year end financial statement prepared by Mr. Currie reflects a deficit of \$37,303.50, which is very close to budget for the year. The apportionment receipts reflected on the financial statement include some 2003 delinquent apportionments as well as 2004 apportionments and apportionment revenue is augmented by designated contributions in the amount of \$128,467.65 primarily from the Ding the Deficit campaign. Mr. Currie reviewed the financial statements in some detail.

- c. Financial statements for 2005 will have a different appearance as Mr. Currie strives to improve the usefulness of the statements.

7. Mrs. Woerman reported that Communications Committee chair Dave Siefert has met with the Rev. Nicolette Papanek concerning implementation of a national advertising campaign. In addition, the committee has provided materials to parishes for use in Lenten programs relating to this campaign. A newly designed diocesan newspaper will be out in early February.

8. The Bishop noted that Mthr. Bloxsom has been appointed chair of the Liturgy, Worship and Music Committee and that the committee will be co-chaired by Mr. Kent Wingerson of Grace Cathedral.

9. Canon Smith reported for the Rev. William J. Wood on behalf of the Outreach and Ecumenical Ministries Committee that the anti-racism training workshop scheduled for February has been postponed to determine who should really be targeted in that workshop.

10. Fr. Lipscomb reported that members of the Congregational Development Committee will have an initial meeting with leaders of St. Alban's Parish, Wichita, tomorrow.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 10:50 a.m. and returned at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Emory reported on two calendar changes: The June 21, 2005, Council of Trustees meeting will be held at Camp Wood. The Council of Trustees retreat is scheduled for The Barn in Valley Falls on November 14 and 15, 2005. Dean Lipscomb noted that the ordinations of Eric Anderson and Andrew Grosso will occur at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Canon Smith reported on Deployment:

1. St. Andrew's Parish, Emporia, is actively collecting names in its search process.
2. St. Stephen's Parish, Wichita, is convening its search committee.
3. The search committee of St. Thomas Parish, Overland Park, is working on its parish profile.
4. The Rev. Carol Meredith has been hired as a half-time priest associate at Good Shepherd Parish, Wichita.
5. The Rev. Julie Sifers, who is canonically resident in the Diocese of West Missouri, has assumed duties as Priest in Charge at St. Aidan's Parish, Olathe.

Bishop Wolfe reviewed the Five Areas of Focus 2005 for the Council of Trustees determined at the Council of Trustees retreat and listed on the agenda:

1. **Focus on stewardship:** How can the diocese develop the resources needed to achieve its mission?

2. **Focus on congregational development:** How can the diocese effectively equip existing parishes for growth and plant new parishes in growing communities?
3. **Focus on clarifying the role of the diocese:** What areas of mission are best accomplished at the diocesan level?
4. **Focus on developing a vibrant committee structure:** How can the diocese best use communities, task forces, etc. to achieve its mission?
5. **Focus on motivating/calling/training people of all ages for ministry:** How can the diocese empower disciples to do the work Christ calls us to do?

Bishop Wolfe reported on a meeting with representatives of Johnson County parishes concerning strategy for congregational development in Johnson County. He concluded that he may need to tell parishes in high growth areas that are consistently underperforming that the Diocese cannot continue to support that activity. There followed an extended discussion by the Council of Trustees.

Bishop Wolfe thanked members of the Council of Trustees for their attendance at the special Council of Trustees meeting to discuss the relationship between the Diocese and Christ Church on January 10, 2005. He noted that the discussion by the Council of Trustees formed a good foundation for meeting between representatives of Council of Trustees and representatives of Christ Church, Overland Park, held on January 15 at Trinity Church, Lawrence. The parties are close to a joint announcement reflecting a resolution of this issue.

Bishop Wolfe informed the Council of Trustees that he is working with students and the boards of each of the campus ministries to implement changes recommended by the Special Task Force on College Work.

The Bishop provided a list of his Episcopal Actions since the last meeting of the Council of Trustees. He also reported that the House of Bishops met in Salt Lake City and had a significant focus on the Windsor report. He stated that the Windsor report should be regarded as a gift to the Anglican communion – an invitation to discussion of the theological bases for recent decisions. He noted that the report and the primates of the Anglican communion give high credence to Episcopal authority.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer at 11:45 a.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk