

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

**October 21, 2006**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on October 21, 2006, at the Overland Park Marriott, Overland Park, Kansas. The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with prayer at 12:04 p.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

- Bishop Wolfe
- Mrs. Lisa Adams
- The Rev. James Cook
- The Rev. Don Davidson
- Mr. Mike Morrow
- The Very Rev. Michael Munro
- Mr. Dick Norman
- The Rev. Nicolette Papanek
- The Rev. Ron Peak
- Mrs. Rogene Schille
- The Rev. Nancy Shank
- Mrs. Wendy Sheedy
- Mr. Robert Skaggs

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

- The Rev. James P. Haney V
- Mr. Michael Murphy

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

- Mr. Richard Foote, vice chancellor

Diocesan staff members present were:

- The Rev. Mary K. Siegmund, canon to the ordinary
- Mr. C. J. Currie, diocesan comptroller
- Mrs. Melodie Woerman, diocesan director of communications

Bishop Wolfe welcomed newly elected members Lisa Adams and the Rev. Nicolette Papanek, who offered brief remarks.

It was moved by Mr. Norman, and seconded, that the following officers be elected for the coming year:

- President – Mike Morrow
- Clerk – Frank Taylor
- Assistant Treasurer – Jay Currie
- Assistant Clerk – The Rev. Don Davidson

The motion was adopted.

Bishop Wolfe referred the group to the scheduled meeting dates for the coming year:

Retreat: Nov. 13-14, 2006 at The Barn in Valley Falls

Dec. 19, 2006

Jan. 16, 2007

Feb. 20, 2007

March 20, 2007

April 17, 2007

May 15, 2007

June 19, 2007

No July meeting

Aug. 21, 2007

Sept. 18, 2007

Oct. 19-20, 2007, at diocesan convention

Bishop Wolfe commented on the just-completed convention. He said the way the budget had been presented to the convocations had gone very well, evidenced by only one question from the floor. He noted better communication around the proposed canonical amendment on health insurance would have helped that issue.

Mr. Norman said issues such as the proposed canonical amendment need to be presented in a proactive way, as the budget has been in recent years, rather than waiting for people to ask questions and then responding. He also encouraged members of the Council of Trustees to speak up on the floor of convention when matters initiated by the Council are under discussion.

Father Davidson noted that parishes need to view the bishop's office as the normative judicatory that defines a standard benefit package for the parishes.

Father Peak noted that a positive development is that the issue of health insurance now is an issue of the whole convention and not just of the Council of Trustees.

Bishop Wolfe said he wants to continue the educational components of convention so it will be inspiring, doing the work that needs to be done but with an emphasis on speakers and information. He also said he thought the worship was particularly well done.

Father Munro said that as the nature of convention changes to the model described by Bishop Wolfe, there needs to be a different expectation of what the role of convention delegate is. Parishes need direction in describing this so they understand what delegates will be doing as they elect them.

Bishop Wolfe asked members of the Council of Trustees for names of people who can present at future conventions.

He also said he has never been more excited about what the diocese is doing. “Now it’s time to put points on the board.”

Bishop Wolfe reminded members of the retreat on Nov. 13-14 and the next regular meeting Dec. 19 at Grace Cathedral, Topeka.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the bishop at 12:40 p.m.

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Melodie Woerman, Acting Clerk