

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

**March 13, 2007**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on March 13, 2007, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, noted that several members were absent due to scheduling conflicts. He called for intercessory prayer concerns before opening the meeting with Morning Prayer at 10:05 a.m. Bishop Wolfe led the Council of Trustees in Morning Prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
Mr. Michael Morrow, President  
Mrs. Lisa Adams  
The Rev. James Cook  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro  
Mr. Michael W. Murphy  
Mr. Richard Norman  
The Rev. Nicolette Papanek  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank  
Ms. Wendy Sheedy  
Mr. Robert Skaggs

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rev. James Haney V  
The Rev. Ronald Peak

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Mary K. Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Stewardship and Development  
Mrs. Jenny Kuner, Administrative Assistant  
The Rev. Craig Loya, Campus Missioner  
Mr. Dick Coulter, President SE Convocation  
Ms. Myrline Winkler, President NW Convocation  
Ms. Peggy Anderson, President SW Convocation

The Bishop invited the three Convocation Presidents present to speak to the Council and present an update on the activities of their convocation.

Minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council were approved as amended.

Mr. Skaggs asked that minutes, after approval of the Council, be posted to the Diocesan web site.

Father Loya reported on behalf of the Higher Education Committee (refer to submitted report by Deacon Stephen Segebrecht). The Committee has selected two graduate interns for the 2007-2008 year, they are:

Ms. Katie Knoll who will be living at KU and is a member of St. Margaret's, Lawrence.  
Mr. A. Patrick Funston, who will be living at KSU and is a member of St. Michaels and All Angels in Mission.

Father Loya mentioned that his excitement grows as the arrival of the Rev. Susan Terry nears, and that enthusiasm for campus ministry at Emporia and Wichita State continues to grow.

Mr. Skaggs reported on behalf of the Finance, Budget and Apportionment Committee. Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's report and noted that many parishes are running behind in apportionment payments.

Mr. Skaggs moved that the Council allow an exemption to apportionment to St. Aidan's, Olathe for funds collected for replacement of a failed furnace up to \$17,000.00. The motion was seconded by Fr. Munro and was approved without objection or abstention.

Mr. Skaggs moved that \$14,000.00 borrowed from the Diocese and funds raised in a campaign for a new heating system at St. John's in Parsons be exempted from apportionment. The request had previously been approved by the SE Convocation. A second was offered by Mr. Murphy and the motion was approved without objection or abstention.

A draft internal accounting policy was informally presented to the Council for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Morrow reported on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee.

Mr. Morrow moved that the Council give its consent to the election and consecration of the Rev. Thomas Edward Breidenthal as the Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

Mr. Morrow announced that the Diocese of Nevada is accepting nominations for the position of Bishop.

Mr. Morrow moved (under the older canons) that following an interview with Mr. Matthew Buterbaugh that he be approved for ordination to the transitional diaconate. It was noted by the committee that Mr. Buterbaugh passed all seven canonical areas on the General Ordination Examination. The motion was approved without objection or abstention. Mr. Buterbaugh is a communicant of Grace Church in Winfield and a Senior at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

Mr. Morrow moved (under the new canon) that Mr. Philip Hubbard be approved as a candidate for the priesthood. Mr. Hubbard is a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle in Overland Park and is attending the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

Mr. Morrow moved (under the new canon) that Ms. Laurie Lewis be approved as a candidate for the priesthood. Ms. Lewis is a communicant of St. James', Wichita and is attending Virginia Theological Seminary. The motion was approved without objection or abstention.

Father Jim Cook reported on behalf of the Congregational Development Committee. He noted that the committee is working in two directions.

- a) Working on themes for the Diocesan Convention.
- b) Working toward the hiring of a church planter.

Canon Siegmund reported on behalf of the Commission on Ministry.

With sadness she announced the retirement of Ms. Reeta Akins after a long tenure as the administrator for the Commission. She will be honored at upcoming events.

Canon Siegmund also reported that improvements continue to be made in the commission's systems and various publications will be available on the web site soon. The commission will also be scheduling two more interviews in the next few months.

Ms. Rogene Schille reported on behalf of the Committee on Aging. She noted that a letter will be out shortly for our retired clergy. The committee is assisting the Rev. Ruth McAleer and Deacon Keith Akins in finding one retired clergy person from each convocation to serve on the committee.

Replies received from the survey have been good and the response will be helpful. A copy of the responses will be available at the next meeting of the council.

Ms. DeWitt reported on behalf of the Stewardship and planned giving committee. She indicated that she continues to provide support to the parishes of the diocese.

Canon Siegmund reported that the KSM task force continues to meet and that she is extremely pleased with the work that they are doing.

She noted that the Health care task force is reorganizing.

The Canon announced the resignation of Ms. Jenny Kuner from the Diocesan Staff, Jenny will be taking a new position and will be missed.

She reported on the various congregations currently involved in one phase or another in the process of finding new clergy.

Bishop Wolfe reported that he would be leaving this week for the meeting of the House of Bishops at Camp Allen, Texas. He asked the council for their prayers as he attends this meeting in which the Bishops will carefully respond to the recent communiqué from the Primates of the Anglican Communion.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on April 17, 2007 at St. Christopher's in Wichita. The Bishop added that the Diocesan staff would be providing directions or members could consult "Mapquest."

He reported that he was very pleased with the Lay Leadership Academy. He thought that attendance was very good especially considering the event was held on a day in which KU and KSU were playing basketball.

The Bishop was very pleased with the recent rededication of the Chapel of St. Anselm's at Canterbury House at the University of Kansas. Attendance at the service was unexpectedly high on a Sunday afternoon when the Jayhawks were playing for the Big 12 championship. He thanked Fr. Loya and all the members of the Council present who had worked for campus ministry.

No other business being in waiting, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Davidson  
Assistant Clerk