

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

**September 18, 2007**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on September 18, 2007, at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman called the meeting to order with Morning Prayer at 10:03 a.m.

The Bishop offered special prayers for Ruth McAleer who will have to undergo additional shoulder surgery, Don Moses who had back surgery, and for the repose of the soul of our departed Council member Richard Norman.

All Members of the Council of Trustees were present:

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop  
Mr. Michael Morrow, President  
Mrs. Lisa Adams  
The Reverend James Cook  
The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Very Reverend Michael G. Munro  
Mr. Michael W. Murphy  
The Reverend Juli Sifers  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
The Reverend Nancy J. Shank  
The Reverend Ron Peak  
Mr. Robert Skaggs  
The Reverend James Haney V  
Mrs. Wendy Sheedy

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

The Reverend Canon Mary Siegmund  
Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor  
Mr. Douglas Anning, Diocesan Treasurer

Also present were:

Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
The Reverend Susan Terry, Campus Missioner  
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
Ann Sanders, Stewardship and Planned Giving Committee (SPGC)  
Char DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship

Mrs. Jerry Malone, SPGC  
Mr. Frank Connizo, SPGC  
Mr. Glenn Holliman, Episcopal Church Foundation  
Ms. Anne Ditzler, Episcopal Church Foundation  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
Mr. Chad Senuta, Diocesan Youth Officer

Rogene Schille moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting of the Council of Trustees be accepted as amended. The motion was seconded by Fr. Peak and approved without objection.

Mr. Glenn Holliman and Ms. Anne Ditzler from the Episcopal Church Foundation made an extensive presentation on the organization and management of a potential Diocesan Capital Campaign.

The Council recessed at 11:05 A.M. and was called to order again at 11:18 A.M.

Diocesan Treasurer Doug Anning presented the Treasurer's report which included the financial recap through August 2007. He noted that half of the apportionment shortfall is due to the financial situation in one parish.

The Treasurer also reviewed the 2006 Audit with the Council.

The following reports were presented:

- Youth- Chad Senuta
- Stewardship – Char DeWitt
- Communications – Melodie Woerman

Melodie noted that she has been extensively involved in the suit brought against Grace Cathedral and the Diocese dealing with the construction of a parking lot on Diocesan land located along Polk Street. She also noted that there is a need for new members on the Communications Commission.

- Higher Education – Mtr. Susan Terry

Susan noted that there are "full houses" at both KSU and KU and that those who reside there are committed to doing ministry. She also noted that programs are emerging or continuing in Wichita, Parsons, Coffeyville, Baldwin City, Pittsburg, El Dorado and at Washburn University in Topeka. She is currently working on bringing VOCARI to the Diocese.

The Council recessed for lunch at 11:55 A.M. and was called to order at 12:36 P.M.

- Community Life – Fr. Don Davidson

A master's class will be presented by the Reverend Tex Sample on Thursday afternoon as a lead-in to the theme of the convention.

- Young Adult Committee – no report
- Adult Formation – no report
- Committee on Aging – no report

- Ecclesiastical Relations – Mike Morrow
- The Council discussed the re-election of the Reverend Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina. Fr. Lawrence had been elected previously but his election had not received the canonical consents from standing committees to be consecrated.
  - After discussion, Mr. Morrow moved that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas consent to the consecration of Fr. Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina. A second was offered by Mr. Murphy.

The following members of the council voted in favor of the motion: Sheedy, Morrow, Adams, Davidson, Murphy, Shille, Sifers, Peak, Skaggs, and Heaney.

The following members of the council voted in opposition to the motion: Cook, Shank.

The following member of the council abstained: Munro.

The Bishop declared that the motion having obtained a majority was carried. Those members of the council who voted for the motion then signed the accompanying canonical documentation.

- Executive Committee – no report
- Finance Committee – Bob Skaggs
- Mr. Skaggs, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved that the Council recommend to the upcoming Diocesan Convention that St. Jude's Church of Wellington and St. Francis Church of Overland Park's request for seat, vote and voice be granted and that back apportionment for both churches be forgiven. A second was offered by Fr. Haney.

The Council debated the issue and noted that there was an evaporation of patience concerning these situations.

The motion carried with Mrs. Schille voting no.

- Mr. Skaggs moved to modify the existing "Internal Audit Controls" as noted in attached document. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion and the motion was accepted without objection.
- Architecture and Allied Arts – no report
- Liturgy, Arts and Music – no report
- Congregational Development – no report.

The Commission on Ministry – Fr. Michael Munro

- The Commission has reviewed the status of all those in the ordination process.
- Changes to the ordination forms will be appearing on the website soon.
- The website is to be more user friendly.

Canon's Report -- Mary Siegmund

- A Conversation with Bishop Barry Howe of the Diocese of West Missouri was held on their Diaconate ordination process.
- The Kansas School for Ministry task force continues to work.
- Two churches are in the active phase of the clergy search:

- St. Matthew's Newton and St. Michael's and All Angels in Mission
- Trinity Church in Atchison continues to work on their profile.
- Grace Winfield and Trinity in Arkansas City are now calling themselves the Episcopal Church in Cowley County.
- Fr. Richard Osborne replaced Fr. Tom Wilson (in seminary) at St. Christopher's in Wichita.
- Fr. Grant Clowers continues to serve as supply priest for St. Martin's in the field.

#### Bishop's Report

- Met with the Vestry of St. Margaret's in Lawrence and they are moving forward in the process of finding a new Rector. The Bishop noted that he was warmly received.
- The Bishop attended the consecration of the new Bishop of Oklahoma and will attempt to attend the consecration of all new Bishops in this province.
- The Bishop proposed that the offering from the Diocesan Convention Eucharist be directed toward the flooding victims in Kansas.
  - It was moved by Fr. Munro with second by Mrs. Sheedy that the offering be so directed. The motion was accepted without objection.

The Bishop reviewed the need for a capital campaign with connection to the acknowledged goals. He also noted the need for significant specificity of the goals.

With no further business, the Council was adjourned with prayer at 2:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Don Davidson  
Assistant Secretary