

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

**January 15, 2008**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on January 15, 2008, in the Bubb Room, Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
The Rev. Ronald R. Peak, President  
Mr. Felix Adams  
Mrs. Lisa Adams  
Dr. Linda Brown  
Mr. Gary Chubb  
The Rev. James Cook  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Rev. James P. Haney V  
Dr. Bill Hargrove  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
Mr. Gary Schoenrock  
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank  
The Rev. Julianne Sifers

The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro was absent.

Advisor to the Council of Trustees present was:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk  
Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Mary Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller of the Diocese and Assistant Treasurer  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship  
Mr. Chad Senuta, Youth Missioner  
The Rev. Craig Loya, Campus Missioner

Mr. Chubb moved, seconded by Fr. Peak, that the minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2007, be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

In the absence of treasurer Douglas K. Anning, Mr. Currie presented the treasurer's report, including the December 31, 2007, income statement. He noted that net income for the year was \$44,420.78 and that \$156,707.43 had been transferred from endowment income in accordance with policy established by the Council of Trustees. Mr. Currie discussed several specific items; Bishop Wolfe noted that the 2007 year ended within budget.

Bishop Wolfe introduced Mr. Richard Blackman, who made a presentation about a potential capital campaign on behalf of RSI Institutional Services Group. In discussion, it was noted that a capital campaign is important to fund the creation of additional gathering space for the Diocese, to support campus ministry, plant three new churches and to deal with additional facilities issues. It was noted that strengths of the Diocese include the Bishop, a developing sense of unity among members of the Diocese and a clear sense of vision. Bishop Wolfe noted that dialogue concerning a capital campaign would continue at future meetings.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:30 for lunch and reconvened at 12:21 P.M. with Fr. Davidson acting as clerk.

Mr. Taylor left the building.

Reports:

Children and Youth, Mr. Chad Senuta

Mr. Senuta discussed his sabbatical which was spent learning about contemplative prayer and how it can be a welcome relief from the "over-programming" which is part of teen life. He also spent time evaluating effective youth ministry practices and has written music that he hopes will be a part of repertoire of the Mustard Seeds.

He announced that Miqra would be this weekend and that after last year's event was cancelled due to snow, there was a great deal of anticipation about the upcoming weekend.

Stewardship and Development, Ms. Char DeWitt

The Committee will be meeting soon for a mini-retreat.

Planned Giving packet is nearly done.

Annual Giving packet will be out by May.

A formal analysis of diocesan parish stewardship campaigns throughout the Diocese is being done by a post-graduate student.

Communications, Ms. Melodie Woerman

Working with Canon Siegmund to reprise the Communications committee.

Melodie is now working as the Information Technology person for the Diocesan Office.

New Server to be installed on January 28, 2008 which will mean the loss of Internet and e-mail service to the Diocesan Office for a day.

Higher Education, Fr. Craig Loya

A College student was baptized at St. John's, Parsons and three were confirmed in Emporia.

Ministry programs are in good shape. Programs being offered five-days a week at KSU and new programs are being developed at KU.

Susan and Craig are turning their attention to parish based college ministry.

Community Life Committee, No Report

Young Adult Committee, No Report

Adult Formation,

EFM A noted correlation was discussed between EFM and increased giving.

Committee on Aging,

The Committee has not met.

Ecclesiastical Relations, Fr. Ron Peak

On behalf of the Committee, Fr. Peak moved that Mr. Paul McClain, a postulant, be admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders. The motion was seconded by Fr. Jim Haney and passed without objection.

Executive Committee, No Report

Architecture and Fine Arts, No Report

Liturgy, No Report

Outreach,

Will be meeting soon.

Congregational Development, Fr. Jim Cook

The Committee has interviewed a candidate and has made a recommendation to the Bishop, for the Church Planter position.

Commission on Ministry, Canon Siegmund

Ordination of the Reverend Matthew Buterbaugh took place on January 12, 2008 at Grace Cathedral. The Bishop encouraged members of the Council to attend ordinations.

Ordination of the Reverend Zane Wilmon will take place in San Jose, California on January 26, 2008 with Bishop Wolfe presiding.

Canon Siegmund noted that there are three senior seminarians who are sitting for General Ordination Examinations this year.

Finance Committee, Jay Currie

The Committee is continuing an effort to assist St. Margaret's Lawrence. This is the beginning of a multi-year audit process. There have been questions raised by members of the parish and the committee feels that the audit will assist the parish and the diocese, as well as provide needed foundational information for a new Rector when he/she is selected.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Curry presented the requested housing percentage for the clergy members of the Diocesan staff for 2008 which will all remain the same as those established for 2007. The Council affirmed the proposal without objection.

#### Canon's Report, Canon Siegmund

8 Parishes are in search process:

- St. Martin in the Field, Edwardsville: Goal to call a new priest by Easter.
- Epiphany, Sedan: Mother Bloxsom has retired and moved to Topeka. They wish to do a full search.
- St. Andrew's, Derby: Conducting modified search.
- St. Matthew's Newton: Taking Names
- Trinity, Atchison: Interview stage
- St. Luke's, Wamego: final selection process
- St. Michael's, Mission: final selection process
- St. Margaret's Lawrence: Bishop meeting with parish at Annual Meeting.

#### Bishop's Report,

The time for the Bishop's sabbatical is forthcoming and the Bishop will be bringing to the Council a formal proposal. He looks forward to the opportunity, but also understands that his sabbatical may be unusual as Diocesan, National and International situations may intrude.

The Bishop brought up the current use and ministry of the property formerly known as Turner House, 2052 N. Third St., Kansas City, KS 66101. After extended dialogue among members of the Council, Fr. Davidson moved that the property be gifted to Northeast Business Association, Inc. the organization currently using the property and that the Diocese looks for ways to continue the legacy of the ministry of Turner House honoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Kansas. The motion was seconded by Rogene Schille and carried without objection.

The Bishop announced that he has been appointed to serve on the property disputes committee of the House of Bishops.

The Bishop distributed a draft copy of committee appointments for 2008.

#### Other Business

Lisa Adams posed a question concerning the need for re-certification in the area of Sexual Misconduct awareness.

Rogene Schille noted that Coffeyville is coming back with more and more houses and businesses being torn down and two motels now in operation.

Bill Hargrove re-emphasized his earlier point that goals of the Diocese need to be “narrowed” so that there will be a compelling reason for the capital campaign.

With no further business appearing, the Council of Trustees meeting was adjourned with prayer and blessing at 2:04 P.M.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk

The Rev. Don Davidson, Assistant Clerk