

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

May 20, 2008

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on May 20, 2008, in the Bubb Room, Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship, using Propers for Feast of Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours, 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. Donald Davidson
Dr. Bill Hargrove
Ms. Rogene Schille
Mr. Gery Schoenrock
The Rev. Julianne Sifers

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rev. James P. Haney, V
The Rev. Nancy J. Shank
The Very Rev. Michael Munro

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk
Mr. Richard V. Foote, Vice Chancellor
Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer

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. Charlene DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship
The Rev. Susan Terry, Campus Missioner

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2008. Mrs. Adams noted that Mr. Schoenrock was present at the meeting. On motion by Mrs. Schille, seconded by Mr. Schoenrock, the minutes were unanimously approved with this amendment.

Mr. Anning presented the treasurer's report. He noted that the \$59,849.45 deficit shown on the report is due to several parishes submitting apportionment checks (aggregating approximately \$35,000.00) after the end of the accounting period, as well as one parish that is behind. Funds have not been transferred from the endowment as budgeted, and the expense for stewardship and planned giving will be charged to the endowment. With these adjustments, revenue and expenses would be at a break-even point.

Mr. Anning discussed briefly the Diocesan Endowment which is managed by Morgan Keegan, an Atlanta portfolio manager for not-for-profit entities. Bishop Wolfe noted that the endowment is efficiently managed with a positive return and that the endowment is available as an investment vehicle for parishes.

Bishop Wolfe led a discussion of small church growth strategies, referring to the Small Church Growth Strategy Handbook prepared by the Rev. Suzanne E. Watson and available on the National Church website. After an extended discussion, the Council of Trustees recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

The Bishop called for staff reports and reports of committees:

- Mrs. DeWitt presented a written report on the fundraising campaign study. She noted that over 135 people had attended eight focus group meetings. There followed a discussion of focus group results and some amplification of the written report.
- Mr. Adams reported on the church-wide health care feasibility study undertaken pursuant to resolution in the 75th General Convention. He noted that the goal would be to restructure health insurance available for church employees by moving from 92 Diocesan health insurance pools to one general church pool. Bishop Wolfe noted that it probably makes sense to defer action on health insurance changes to see the benefits from the plan that will be presented to the 76th General Convention in 2009.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m. Upon reconvening, staff reports and reports of committees continued.

- Canon Siegmund reported on 2008 Diocesan Convention plans. The Convention theme will be "mission possible." Consideration is being given to a Thursday night fundraising event at the Bethany Conference Center. Workshops focused on a keynote presentation by Diana Butler Bass and her book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, will be offered. An effort will be made to get Diocesan leaders who are not delegates to attend Convention. Canon Siegmund noted that Mrs. Judy

Gerling will chair the Planning Committee for the 150th Convention in 2009 and that the Presiding Bishop will attend.

- Fr. Peak reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee. He recommended that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election and consecration of the Rev. Canon Paul Emil Lambert as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas. After discussion, upon motion by Fr. Peak, seconded by Ms. Schille, the recommendation was passed unanimously. Fr. Peak recommended that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election and consecration of the Rev. Canon Eugene Taylor Sutton as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Maryland. On motion by Fr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Schille, the recommendation was approved unanimously.
- Mr. Taylor reported that a task force on Constitution and Canons will meet after the Council of Trustees meeting.
- Mrs. Adams reported that the next meeting of the Outreach and Ministries Committee will be on Saturday, May 31.
- Fr. Cook presented a written report for the Congregational Development Commission, which included a manual for the development of new congregations and the strengthening of existing congregations in the Diocese. The Congregational Development Commission has reported to the Northeast Convocation and will report to the other Convocations.
- Mthr. Terry reported for Campus Ministries that as the academic year closes:
 - 17 parishes are providing support at 13 to 14 colleges in Kansas.
 - Attendance at Canterbury House at the University of Kansas has tripled over the past year.
 - Number of peer ministers at Canterbury House at the University of Kansas has grown from three to seven over the past year.
 - An intern has been hired for campus ministries, and interviews are being conducted for a second intern.
 - A peer minister has been appointed in the Southeast Convocation.
 - Four grants have been awarded by the Campus Ministries Committee.

She noted that while these numbers reflect activity, that the real activity is reflected in relationships with students, some of which she described. The Campus Ministries Committee expects a busy summer with no down time.

- Canon Siegmund reported that the Commission on Ministry received a presentation from the Rev. Andrew Grosso concerning ordination process and interviewed two candidates for the Diaconate.
- Mr. Anning reported that the Finance Committee will present a budget for consideration by the Council of Trustees at its June meeting. He presented requests for exemption from apportionment from four parishes:

- Trinity, Atchison: \$150,000 – Exemption of funds raised to replace the church's original slate roof, to repair water damage to the walnut ceiling, to repair stonework, and to repair/replace gutters, in accordance with national History Registry restrictions, total to include professional fees .
- Grace, Ottawa, \$6,000 – Exemption of funds raised to build a handicap-accessible ramp to the church.
- Saint Paul's, Leavenworth: \$410,000 – Exemption of funds raised to provide barrier-free access to the nave of the church and restroom facilities accessible to all, to build an entry through the east transept of the church, to construct parking for 20 vehicles, to build multi-use space for a nursery, and to install a columbarium garden; total cost may reach \$750,000.
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Overland Park: up to \$37,000 – Exemption of funds raised to replace the leaking roof over its office, classroom, narthex, and hallway areas.

On motion by Fr. Cook, seconded by Fr. Peak, the four requests were approved.

Canon Siegmund reported on the search process:

- The Rev. John Goddard has been named interim pastor at St. Margaret's, Lawrence, effective June 1, 2008.
- St. Andrew's, Derby, has completed its parish profile and is moving into an active search. The parish will be moving from part time to full time clergy.
- St. Christopher's, Wichita, has received the resignation of the Rev. Richard Osborne as priest in charge and is examining options.

Canon Siegmund noted that four seminarians will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate:

Paul K. McLain, III, who will become a curate at Trinity, Lawrence, effective June 8, 2008.

Laurie Lewis will be assigned as a curate at Trinity, Eldorado.

Philip Hubbard, who will become a vicar with the duties of planning a new church in Johnson County, Kansas, effective July 1, 2008.

Sarah Knoll-Williams, whose position will be announced soon.

Bishop Wolfe reported that he is preparing for the Lambeth Conference, after which he will take a brief family vacation in England and France. He has delayed his sabbatical to January, February and March, 2009. He is working on the Diocesan fundraising activity and annual staff evaluations.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk