

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

**September 23, 2008**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on September 23, 2008 at Grace Episcopal Cathedral with the Right Reverend Dean E Wolfe, IXth Bishop of Kansas presiding. Bishop Wolfe noted that the agenda was packed, and welcomed everyone in attendance. Bishop Wolfe then led the Council of Trustees in Morning Prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
Mrs. Lisa Adams  
The Reverend James Cook  
The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Very Reverend Michael G. Munro  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
The Reverend Nancy J. Shank  
Dr. Linda Brown  
Mr. Gary Chubb  
Dr. Bill Hargrove  
Mr. Felix Adams  
The Reverend Juli Sifers  
Mr. Gery Schoenrock

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Reverend Ronald Peak

Also present were:

The Reverend Canon Mary K. Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship  
The Reverend Craig Loya, Campus Missioner  
The Reverend Susan Terry, Campus Missioner  
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
Mr. Al Oliver, RSI  
Mr. Richard Blackmon, RSI  
Mr. Robert Skaggs, Chair, Diocesan Finance Committee  
The Reverend John Goddard, Interim Rector, St. Margaret's, Lawrence  
Mr. Richard Hayse, representing BOLT

Mr. H. Phillip Elwood, Chancellor for Grace Episcopal Cathedral  
Mr. Nathan Leadstrom, Attorney with Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer  
The Reverend Philip Hubbard, Missioner for New Church Development

During intercessory prayer, the Bishop paused in remembrance of Deacon John Heckert who died recently after a brief illness. The Bishop noted that Deacon John was the heart of the Diocesan Deacons and will be sorely missed.

The Bishop also asked for continuing prayers for Fr. Ron Peak in his recovery from surgery.

Mrs. Schille moved with Mr. Adams providing the second that the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting of the Council be approved. The motion carried without objection.

Fr. Davidson acting in the absence of Fr. Peak moved the ratification of the action of the council via electronic means on July 23, 2008. The motion was seconded by Fr. Munro and carried without objection. (Copy of action attached to these minutes)

Fr. Davidson moved the ratification of action taken by the council via electronic means on August 25, 2008. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brown and carried without objection. (Copy of action attached to these minutes)

Fr. Davidson moved the ratification of the action taken by the council via electronic means on September 3, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chubb and carried without objection. (Copy of action attached to these minutes)

Mr. Currie, in the absence of the Diocesan Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. He gave a thorough explanation of the financial status of the Diocese, and concluded by saying that "it is not as bad as it seems."

Bishop Wolfe called on Mr. Richard Hayse, a local attorney representing BOLT (Build Our Little Theatre). Mr. Hayse asked the Council to be aware of plans to raise money for the construction of a theatrical arts addition to the neighboring Topeka High School. Council Members received information including drawings of potential additions and how they might affect diocesan property. Mr. Hayse asked the council to consider allowing the school, through an agreement to use diocesan property. Members of the Council asked a number of questions, but no action was taken.

Bishop Wolfe called upon Mr. Phil Elwood of Grace Cathedral for an update on the pending lawsuit "Friends of Bethany Place Inc. vs. The City of Topeka, Kansas."

Bishop Wolfe called upon Fr. John Goddard the Interim Rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Lawrence and Mr. Bob Skaggs the Chair of the Diocesan Finance Committee to report on the current status of St. Margaret's Church. Fr. Goddard gave a full report on his efforts and that of the Bishop and members of the Diocesan staff to "bring the Episcopal Church back to St.

Margaret's." Each day, Fr. Goddard said, he deals with issues of trust and slowly there is healing.

After a period of discussion and question and answers and upon the request of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Shille moved with Mtr. Sifers seconding that the Council recommend to the Convention that St. Margaret's be given voice and vote at the 2008 Convention of the Diocese of Kansas. The motion carried without objection.

Upon the request of the Finance Committee, Mr. Adams moved with Mr. Schoenrock seconding that the unpaid portion of St. Margaret's 2007 apportionment be forgiven. The motion carried without objection.

Bishop Wolfe called on Mr. Al Oliver and Mr. Richard Blackmon of RSI to present the Planning and Assessment Final Report and recommendations regarding the Diocesan Capital Campaign. An exhaustive discussion followed the presentations with Mr. Oliver and Mr. Blackmon responding to questions from Council members. Mr. Oliver and Mr. Blackmon left the meeting following their presentation.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:14 P.M.

[During lunch in the Cathedral's Great Hall, Transitional Deacon Philip Hubbard spoke about his beginning efforts as the Diocesan Missioner for New Church Development including a delightful story of the recruitment of the first member of the new church to be located in southern Johnson County.]

The Council was called to order following lunch at 12:46 P.M.

Discussion continued on the challenges and positive response to the RSI report. During the discussion Bishop Wolfe commented that he had decided that he would delay taking his sabbatical in order that he might focus his attention on the campaign.

Following the discussion, Fr. Munro moved with Fr. Cook seconding that the Council approve the agreement with RSI not to exceed \$300,000.00 for their services subject to review by the Diocesan Comptroller and the Chancellor. The motion carried without objection.

Fr. Davidson moved that the Council, acting as the Standing Committee, consent to the election and consecration of the Reverend Brian James Thom as Bishop of Idaho. The motion was carried without objection, and the document signed by the elected members of the Council.

Fr. Davidson moved that the Council, acting as the Standing Committee, consent to the election and consecration of the Reverend Canon C. Andrew Doyle as the Bishop Coadjutor of Texas. The motion was carried without objection and the document signed by the elected members of the Council.

No formal report was presented by the Constitution and Canons Committee, however the Council was asked to pay particular attention to the Canonical proposals that will be coming before the Convention.

Canon Siegmund presented her report which included concerns over building maintenance issues at both KU and KSU. She also reported on the ongoing search processes at Good Shepherd in Wichita where an Interim Rector has been called, St. Margaret's in Lawrence (in addition to the report given earlier); St. Martin's Edwardsville; Epiphany, Sedan; and the parishes in Marysville and Blue Rapids.

Bishop Wolfe presented his report which included:

- Expressed his appreciation to Canon Siegmund and all the members of the Diocesan Staff for their service especially during his absence during the Lambeth Conference and his vacation.
- He expressed that he enjoyed the Lambeth experience and felt that the greatest benefit is the face-to-face opportunities with Bishops from all over the Anglican Communion. He was personally concerned for those Bishops who did not attend the conference because of continuing issues. He said he was very proud to represent the Diocese of Kansas and bring greetings to the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- He reported on the recent meeting of the House of Bishops, and the action taken to depose Bishop Robert Duncan of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- He expressed appreciation of an anonymous and unrestricted gift of \$35,000.00 given to the Bishop.
- He expressed continuing enthusiasm for the work of being the Bishop of Kansas and excitement about having every staff position filled. He ended his report by saying that while there has been a lot done "there is still a lot to do."

The meeting was closed in prayer at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Don Davidson  
Assistant Secretary

**CONSENT ACTION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. considered a request from the Reverend Philip Hubbard, Missioner for Church Development for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, that his cash compensation be designated 62% as stipend and 38% as housing allowance. The Finance Committee recommended approval. 10 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent.

Dated July 23, 2008.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk

**CONSENT ACTIONS OF THE  
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese considered a request from the Vestry of St. David's parish, Topeka, to consent to the sale and removal of the rental house, owned by St. David's and contiguous to the property at 4014 SW 17 for the purpose of constructing additional parking. The Finance Committee recommends that the Council of Trustees consent to the sale. 12 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent as required by General Canon I.7.3. The request for consent was approved.

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese considered a request from the Vestry of St. David's parish, Topeka, to consent to encumber their property with a commercial loan in an amount up to \$200,000. The Finance Committee recommends that the Council of Trustees consent to the encumbrance. 12 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent as required by General Canon I.7.3. The request for consent was approved.

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. considered a request from the Vestry of David's parish, Topeka, to consent to an exemption from apportionment for a capital campaign to augment their insurance settlement and for an exemption from apportionment on their insurance settlement. The capital campaign apportionment exemption requested was for \$1,000,000. The NW Convocation recommended approval. 12 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent.

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. considered a request from the Vestry of St. Peter's parish, Pittsburg, to consent to for an exemption from apportionment for a capital campaign to raise the funding necessary for restoration and repair of their facility. Their church education building was damaged when the ground under the church settled into an underground mine. Although the area has been stabilized, they need to repair the damages done to the structure. While they are at it, they are going to do some upgrading of windows, doors, heating and air conditioning. The total campaign goal is \$125,000, with no need for a loan. The SE Convocation recommended approval. 13 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent.

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. considered a request from the Vestry of St. Paul's parish, Manhattan, to consent to extend by 5 years an existing capital campaign exemption from the original 10 year window for both phases of their renovation project. The original request was approved by the Council of Trustees on January, 1997. Finance committee recommends a 5 year extension on the original 10 year exemption for St. Paul's. 13 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent.

Dated August 25, 2008.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk

**CONSENT ACTION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF THE EPISCOPAL  
DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese considered a request from the Vestry of St. Aidan's parish, Olathe, to consent to a lease agreement with T-Mobile to install a cell tower on a parcel of unused land (approximately 40' by 40') on the St. Aidan's premises. The Finance Committee recommends that the Council of Trustees consent to the proposed lease agreement. 11 members of the Council of Trustees responded by email in favor of consent as required by General Canon I.7.3. The request for consent was approved.

Dated September 3, 2008.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk