

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.

APRIL 28, 2009

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on April 28, 2009, in the Lounge at St. James Episcopal Church, Wichita, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship at 10:08 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
Mr. Felix Adams  
Mrs. Lisa Adams  
Dr. Linda Brown  
Mr. Gary Chubb  
The Rev. Dr. Donald F. Davidson  
The Rev. Gail Davis  
The Rev. Betty Glover  
Dr. Bill Hargrove  
The Very Rev. Michael G. Munro  
Ms. Rogene Schille  
Mr. Gery Schoenrock  
The Rev. Julianne Sifers  
The Rev. Bill Wolff

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Venerable Monte Giddings

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present were:

Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer  
Mr. Kurt Harper, Vice Chancellor

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Mary K. Siegmund, Canon to the Ordinary  
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller  
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
The Rev. Susan Terry, Campus Missioner  
Ms. Sandra Lyon, LCSW, Chief Operating Officer of Episcopal Social Services (ESS),  
Wichita, KS.

Mr. James Young, President of the Board of ESS, Wichita, KS.

Ms. Sandra Lyon and Mr. James Young distributed a packet of information to the Council regarding the services of Episcopal Social Services. ESS was incorporated in 1982 and was known as Venture House, which served to feed and clothe the poor in Wichita, Kansas. It began with \$30,000 Venture into Mission Grant from the Diocese of Kansas and it currently operates with a budget of \$1.2 Million. ESS has 16 staff members and 180 volunteers that serve in 7 different programs. ESS has numerous new Board Members and will be doing a review of their Strategic Plan this year as well as starting in the preliminary phases of a Capital Campaign to build or secure a new building that is closer to St. John's Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Schoenrock presented the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2009. On motion by the Rev. Davis, seconded by Ms. Schille, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The March 2009 Income Statement, a detailed financial statement for March 2009 and the list of parishes that sent in their apportionment after March 31, 2009 were included. Seventeen parishes made apportionment payments after March 31, 2009 totally \$30,000 to \$35,000. Nearly \$25,000 was not received for the March 2009 Apportionments.

Mr. Jay Currie, Comptroller, presented the Finance Committee's Report. The Finance Committee met with the Chairs of the various Diocesan Committees to discuss their budgets for 2010 on Saturday, April 4, 2009. It was noted that the projected 2010 Budget will be difficult, since the projected apportionment is not expected to go up and all the Parish Parochial Reports are in except for one, thus providing a probable \$5-10,000 drop in apportionments in 2010. This will affect the Diocesan Budget from 2010 through 2012.

Mr. Jay Currie and Mr. Doug Anning discussed the Diocese's Endowment Portfolio and what has happened to it from January 2008 to present day. Projected income from the Endowment cannot be depended on for income for the budget at the end of the year. Expenses have been tightened, and discussion of selling assets was broached. Mr. Jay Currie has taken out a line of credit at \$91,000 to cover current expenses at this time.

The Lenten Appeal for Habitat House raised about \$62,000, and \$45,000 of that has been sent to Habitat House in Coffeyville, Kansas to start the project. Other expenses for the Habitat House may incur.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:28 a.m. to finish the Finance Committee's Report from Mr. Jay Currie. The Auditors have reviewed the Diocesan Financial Statements and will release their report tentatively in August 2009. The Finance Committee will meet on May 5, 2009 to discuss the upcoming 2010 Budget.

Mrs. Dewitt reported on the progress and gave a written report of the Capital Campaign. Leaders of the Pacesetter, Leadership and major Gift Committee have been selected and the various committees are working on the volunteers to fill those committees. The Case for Support is being refined and the Building Committee has done

an initial survey of Bethany Place and the Cathedral and a site survey of the area is yet to be done. The various Committees in the Capital Campaign have a full set of meetings through to December 2009. Bishop Wolfe stated that he was “optimistic, passionate, but not stupid about the goals.”

The Rev. Dr. Davidson presented the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee’s Report. Rev. Davidson provided the Council with more information to be read and discerned in regards to the Bishop-elect of Northern Michigan Episcopal Diocese of Rev. Kevin Thew Forrester. The questions of the orthodoxy, nomination and election process were discussed. Rev. Davidson stated the election in Northern Michigan technically followed Canon. It was noted that Rev. Thew Forrester has been a liturgical innovator. The Council was instructed to read the material provided and seek other material on The Episcopal Church’s website to discern the vote of Rev. Forrester as Bishop of Northern Michigan at the May 2009 Council of Trustees Meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Davidson distributed the Sub-Committee of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee Report on the Recommendations of the three candidates to the Sacred Order of Priests. Rev. Munro motioned to receive the Report and Mr. Chubb seconded the motion. Discussion of the three candidates followed with the recommendations for each discussed.

Rev. Davidson motioned and Rev. Munro seconded for approval of Rev. Shawn Streepy, a Deacon, be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests. We further recommend that Shawn engage in intensive Clinical Pastoral Education at a time appropriate with a local CPE site and his mentor. The Council approved with one opposed vote.

Rev. Davidson motioned and Rev. Munro seconded the recommendation for Kathy Babcock to be ordained as a Transitional Deacon. During the time she is a Deacon, she will be assigned to work with a Priest of the Diocese as her mentor. The Council all approved.

Rev. Davidson moved and Mr. Chubb seconded the recommendation for Sue Oldfather to be ordained as a Transitional Deacon. We further recommend that she continue her seminary studies for an additional year, and that she seek ordination to the priesthood at the conclusion of those studies. The Council approved with one abstention.

Dr. Brown moved and Rev. Munro seconded that the Recommendation; The Committee further recommends that the Bishop, Commission on Ministry, Canon to the Ordinary, and the Council begin work to clarify roles, expectations and avenues of communication to correspond with the emergence of a new paradigm for ordained leadership in the Diocese and the reorganization of the Kansas School for Ministry. The Council all approved

The Council of Trustees recessed at 12:55 p.m. with prayer for lunch and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Rev. Susan Terry reported that she and Rev. Craig Loya were completing their second full years on Campus Ministry. She further reported;

- Chanute was working hard with Campus Ministries to create a warm and safe environment for the students.
- St. Peter's Church, Pittsburg members were wearing yellow Gorilla tee shirts to the Pittsburg games to show their support to the students.
- St. John's, Parsons had Taize Services through Lent that tripled attendance.
- Baker will be starting Eucharist once a month next year.
- Carolyn Howard, a peer minister, from Pittsburg who attends KU, lead Morning Prayer at Canterbury house each day during Lent.
- K-State students organized a race to support K2K recently with 150 people participating in the event.
- The Bishop's Bowl is scheduled for November 7, 2009.

Canon Siegmund reported on several deployment matters:

- St. Margaret's Parish, Lawrence, is moving into the selection of the final candidates with a hopeful projection of June 1 for their calling of a new Rector.
- Good Shepherd Church, Wichita, is sorting through the CDO and will move towards the interview process with finalists hopefully by August.
- Epiphany Church, Sedan, discerning names given and from the CDO before starting the interview process.
- Grace Church, Chanute, Canon Siegmund will be bringing a candidate to interview with the Parish in the coming months.
- St. Martin in the Fields Parish, Edwardsville, is stalled at this time.
- St. Bartholomew's Church, Wichita, the current Rector, Rev. Robert Hutchinson will probably retire at the end of this year.
- Blue Rapids/Marysville, Vicar Art Rathbu is serving at this time.

Canon Siegmund also reported that Tania Sudduth has resigned effective May 1, 2009 to pursue further ministry in the Methodist Church. Her position will not be replaced at this time. The Safe Church Policy was handed out to the Council to read and discuss for approval at the May Council of Trustees Meeting.

Bishop Wolfe reported that;

- The Council will revisit the Capital Campaign in the Fall.
- Habitat House, people have been extraordinarily generous in this endeavor.
- The Diocese will focus the most we can with the limited resources.
  - For General Convention, the Bishop invites the Council to visit TEC website to view the information on the General Convention.
  - Melodie Woerman will have links on the Diocesan website for General Convention by late June.
  - Bishop Wolfe has been appointed as a Media Briefer for one day at General Convention.
  - KSM meeting on May 20 for an evaluation and to consider "What do we most value?"
  - Twenty of the forty-five parishes in the Diocese cannot support a full time Rector. The report, "Episcopal Congregations Overview: Findings from the 2008 Faith Communities Today Survey" from The Episcopal Church was distributed.

- The Bishop and the Treasurer, Doug Anning, met with the Vestry of St. Francis, Stilwell at the Bishop's Visitation on April 26 and discussed some serious issues between the Parish and the Diocese.
- St. Stephen's Church, Columbus, has sent information that they are preparing to close eminently.

Bishop Wolfe also submitted a list of his Episcopal Actions, which are attached to and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Rev. Davidson informed the Council that Tuesday, November 10, 2009 is the Dedication of St. David's new Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Fire. The St. Phillip's Chapel has a stained glass window from the former St. Phillips Church, Topeka Kansas.

Rogene Schille informed the Council that Coffeyville is expecting 250 participants at their Healing Mission on Thursday, April 30.

Rev. Munro reported that St. Paul's, Leavenworth, is under construction currently and that the air-conditioning was removed with an anticipated replacement not till June. The congregation will be meeting in the Parish Hall until work is completed.

Mrs. Adams submitted written reports to the Council for the Community Life Committee and the Outreach & Ministry Committee.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. with prayer and an invitation to see the newly remodeled St. James Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Adams, COT