

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

November 15, 2011

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met on November 15, 2011, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship commemorating the consecration of Bishop Samuel Seabury at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Felix Adams
The Very Rev. Jerry Adinolfi
Mr. Gary Chubb
Mr. Dick Coulter
The Rev. Gar Demo
Mrs. Margaret LaRue
The Rev. Tom Miles
Mr. Joseph Mitchell
The Very Rev. Steve Mues
The Rev. Julianne Sifers
Mr. Bob Skaggs

Member of the Council of Trustees absent was:

Dr. Linda Brown
The Rev. Betty Glover
The Rev. Bill Wolff

Advisor to the Council of Trustees present was:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Craig Loya, Canon to the Ordinary
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller
Mrs. Char DeWitt, Stewardship Officer
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Communications Officer
The Rev. Susan Terry, Campus Missioner
The Rev. Michael Bell, Campus Missioner
Mr. Chad Senuta, Youth Missioner
Ms. Michelle Moss, Executive Assistant

Bishop Wolfe presented a power point presentation titled "Becoming a Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society – An Adaptive Moment," focusing on restructuring church governance. He proposed a draft resolution to be presented by the Council of Trustees to the Secretary of the General Convention for consideration by the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. After discussion, there was a consensus that the resolution should be placed on the agenda for the next Council of Trustees meeting.

In the absence of Treasurer Douglas Anning, Mr. Currie presented the financial statements for the period from January 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011. He noted that he has contacted rectors and treasurers by letter concerning the status of their 2011 apportionments and parish apportionments for 2012.

Mr. Currie noted that apportionment revenue is about \$140,000.00 below budget at month end and that \$9,110.92 was received after October 31, 2011. Investment income was transferred to the Operating Budget during October near the stock market peak, and it will not be necessary to access the line of credit for 2011. Income for the period of the financial report is slightly over budget, expenses are slightly under budget and the budget is on track. There followed a brief discussion.

Mr. Chubb moved on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Alabama. The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Chubb noted on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee that David Jenkins, David Lynch and Adriana Shaw have been admitted as candidates for holy orders.

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of October 11, 2011. On motion duly made and passed without dissent, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mthr. Sifers moved that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese consent to the ordination of the Rev. L. Peter Doddema, who is currently working in the Diocese of Lexington. The motion was duly seconded and passed with one dissenting vote.

Mthr. Sifers moved that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese consent to the ordination of the Rev. A. Patrick Knoll Funston, who is assigned as chaplain to Bishop Seabury Academy. The motion was duly seconded and passed without dissent.

Mrs. DeWitt presented a written report on the Crossroads Campaign and stewardship activities. There followed a discussion.

Mr. Chubb reported on the Crossroads Building Committee meeting about three weeks ago. The committee received a presentation on geothermal heating and cooling systems. He noted that such systems would cost about twice the amount of conventional heating and cooling systems and that the excess cost would be recovered over a ten to twelve year period.

Mr. Skaggs noted a potential donation of real estate on behalf of the Finance Committee. He will report further when the transaction is confirmed.

Bishop Wolfe observed that this is the last meeting for Youth Missioner Chad Senuta, who is moving with his wife to the Diocese of Illinois. The Diocese will hold a celebration of Mr. Senuta's ministry on Saturday, December 17, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Grace Cathedral. Mr. Senuta addressed the Council of Trustees.

Canon Loya reported on two ministries in transition:

- Fr. Adinolfi is retiring as the full time stipendiary rector at St. Paul's Parish, Coffeyville. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Antoinette Tackett, who will serve as a bivocational vicar. This will be a transition model for other ministries in the future.
- Grace Parish, Chanute, is considering a candidate for priest in charge after the retirement of its rector. This is another transition ministry.

Canon Loya noted that Bishop Wolfe will be convening an informal advisory group to discuss youth ministry. He also reported that Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry (EWARM), an Episcopal migration ministry's affiliate, is close to designating a director. He provided copies of the Commission on Ministry's new Ordination Handbook to members of the Council of Trustees.

Fr. Demo inquired whether the Council of Trustees could receive a list of congregations that have complied with the Diocesan audit policy. There was some discussion and a consensus that this would be useful information.

The Council of Trustees recessed at noon for lunch and reconvened at 12:50 p.m., at which time it recessed to executive session. The Council of Trustees returned from executive session at 1:30 p.m. Fr. Demo moved that the Diocese provide all Diocesan staff enrolled in the Medical Trust Health Insurance Plan the Blue Cross Blue Shield High Deductible Plan and that the Diocese contribute to a health savings account for each covered member \$4,950.00 annually for a family or \$2,500.00 annually for an individual. The motion was seconded by Mrs. LaRue and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk