

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

March 22, 2011

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas, on March 22, 2011. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and President, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. He noted several pastoral concerns affecting members of the Council, and then led the opening worship.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

- Mr. Felix Adams
- The Very Rev. Jerry Adinolfi
- Dr. Linda Brown
- Mr. Gary Chubb
- The Rev. Gail Davis
- The Ven. Monte Giddings
- Mr. Joseph Mitchell
- Mr. Gery Schoenrock
- The Rev. Julianne Sifers
- Mr. Bob Skaggs
- The Rev. Bill Wolff

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

- Mr. Dick Coulter
- The Rev. Dr. Donald Davidson
- The Rev. Betty Glover

Mr. Douglas Anning, Treasurer, an advisor to the Council of Trustees, was present.

Also present were

- Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
- Mr. C. J. Currie, Diocesan Comptroller
- Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications
- The Rev. Susan Terry, Campus Missioner
- The Rev. Michael Bell, Campus Missioner
- The Rev. Dr. Andrew Grosso, Missioner for Theological Formation

Father Grosso offered the Ministry Focus for this meeting, examining lay ministry and plans of the Kansas School for Ministry to enhance the ministry of the laity in the diocese, with an emphasis on a missional, not maintenance, model of the church. Extensive discussion followed his presentation.

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2011. It was moved by Father Wolff, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2011, be approved as presented. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Anning made the treasurer's report, assisted by Mr. Currie. Mr. Currie noted that two reports were offered, one based on the accrual method of accounting, and one based on a modified cash basis method. Previous reports have used the modified cash basis, but the auditors use the accrual basis. The Council expressed its preference for the modified cash basis report.

There followed a discussion about parishes that are behind in apportionment payments, including how to communicate late payments not just to a parish's priest or wardens but to the entire vestry.

At 11:15 a.m. the Council took a 10-minute break, and upon returning, it was moved by Mother Sifers, seconded by Dr. Brown, that the treasurer's report be received. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Schoenrock presented a request for consent to the election and consecration of the Rev. George D. Young III as Bishop of East Tennessee. The Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese voted without dissent to offer its consent. Mr. Schoenrock then distributed the necessary paperwork for elected member of the Council to sign.

Bishop Wolfe noted that a written report on the Crossroads campaign had been provided to members by Mrs. Char DeWitt, Director of Development and Stewardship. To date \$2.42 million has been raised, with additional contributions pending and more donors to be approached. Materials for all members of the diocese soon will be distributed. Bishop Wolfe noted that he has written a pastoral letter to be read in all congregations. This is only the second pastoral letter of his episcopacy.

Mr. Chubb reported for the Building Committee that the Topeka Landmarks Commission met on March 10 and unanimously approved the proposed zoning change for diocesan and cathedral property. The request now goes to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and after that to the Topeka City Council. He noted that the board had asked that one parking lot be moved a foot or two, and it stipulated that all materials used in new construction be compatible with the exterior of Grace Cathedral and the existing diocesan structures.

Bishop Wolfe noted that the Kansas Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal of the diocese's parking lot case, but it may be moot given the new Master Plan. He also noted that the work of the Building Committee mostly is finished, and that campaign efforts now are directed toward raising the resources needed.

Bishop Wolfe made the canon's report in the absence of Canon Craig Loya. He is working to place a priest at Trinity, El Dorado, and has had phone interviews with several people. The process for a priest at St. John's, Wichita, is also underway, and Bishop Wolfe said he hopes to have announcements about both places within the next month or two.

Bishop Wolfe also noted that there would be no in-person meeting of the Council in April, but a telephone or electronic meeting could take place, if needed.

Mother Davis announced that she is resigning from the Council, since she soon will begin ministry as the intentional interim rector in San Angelo, Texas. Bishop Wolfe said he would keep the light on for her, and she said she would return this fall for Diocesan Convention.

Bishop Wolfe noted that Jim Albrecht from St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, attended a recent meeting with the Episcopal Church Medical Trust and will share his findings with the diocesan Health Insurance Task Force.

Canon Loya and Larry Bingham recently attended a meeting in Atlanta sponsored by the church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music on the status of rites for same-gender blessings. More information should be available when Canon Loya returns.

Bishop Wolfe asked the Council's help in getting as many young people to camp this year as possible.

The diocese has two people graduating this spring from Virginia Theological Seminary, and Bishop Wolfe said he is working to place them. He asked members to keep this process in their prayers.

Mother Sifers noted that there are two people to approve for ordination to the transitional diaconate, Peter Doddema and Patrick Funston. Both undertook the required psychological evaluation before they left for seminary. Since then the diocese has received good reports on them, including excellent reviews from their seminaries. While canons require a repeat psychological evaluation if the previous one is more than three years old, both of these people's previous evaluations fall just outside that time frame. It then was moved by Mother Sifers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to exempt Patrick Funston and Peter Doddema from the second psychological evaluation, based on the strength of their previous evaluation, ongoing examinations by their seminaries and recent meetings with the Council of Trustees. The motion was adopted.

It then was moved by Mother Sifers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Aidan Patrick Funston be approved for ordination to the transitional diaconate. Questions about the General Ordination Exams of both seminarians were raised, and Bishop Wolfe indicated that they are working with the Examining Chaplains to correct any deficiencies. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mother Sifers, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that Peter Doddema be approved for ordination to the transitional diaconate. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mother Sifers, seconded by Mr. Chubb, that Oliver Bunker be approved for ordination to the diaconate. The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mother Sifers, seconded by Father Wolff, that Elizabeth Drumm be approved for ordination to the diaconate. The motion was adopted.

Bishop Wolfe noted that all four people will be ordained on June 11 at Grace Cathedral.

Archdeacon Giddings noted that following the Council's vote last month regarding property for St. Clare's in Spring Hill, four Council members worshipped at St. Clare's and met with the congregation and then the bishop's committee. They have an agreement to purchase the building and a building use agreement and have executed a purchase agreement with the seller. Special thanks go to Chancellor Frank Taylor for his work in providing the needed documents. Now the congregation is looking for a loan to finance the purchase price of \$110,000. He noted that the priest, the Rev. Philip Hubbard, is becoming well-known in the community, and Giddings commended him for his civic involvement.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned by Bishop Wolfe at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Melodie Woerman, Acting Clerk