

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

**November 15, 2013**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on November 15, 2013. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
The Rev. Sharon Billman  
Mr. Frank Connizzo  
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston  
Ms. Claudia Geer  
The Rev. Christine Gilson  
Mr. Lawrence Hannan  
Mrs. Margaret LaRue  
The Rev. Laurie Lewis  
Mrs. Sue O'Connor  
The Venerable Charles Pearce  
Mr. Robert Skaggs  
Mr. Ray Wheeler  
The Very Rev. Bill Wolff

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rev. Gar Demo

Advisors to the Council of Trustees present was:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk  
Mr. Douglas K. Anning, Treasurer

Also present were:

Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the Council of Trustees meetings of October 25, 2013, and October 26, 2013. Fr. Wolff moved, seconded by Mthr. Billman, to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Anning presented the treasurer's report. He noted that apportionment is running about \$135,000.00 behind budget, but that a little over \$26,000.00 has been paid since October 31, 2013, and most of the balance is from the parishes with which the Council of Trustees has been working on financial issues, and he does not expect that it will be paid. He noted that \$78,000.00, representing the year's expected contribution to the budget from endowment income, has been transferred from the endowment fund since October 31. The net result is that the net revenue over expense figure is close to budget.

Mr. Taylor reported on the covenant with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. He noted that the Council of Trustees, in its meeting of February 19, 2013, authorized Mr. Anning and Mr. Currie to negotiate a loan to refinance the existing indebtedness of St. Margaret's Parish on the best possible terms equal to or better than terms presented to the meeting by Mr. Chubb. He further noted that this has resulted in a loan commitment from Heritage Bank of Topeka, Kansas, to be secured by the church building and adjacent parish life center at 5700 6th Street, Lawrence, Kansas. This new loan, in turn, is the basis for a covenant among St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bishop Wolfe and the Diocese previously approved by the Council of Trustees at its meeting of October 25, 2013. He noted that the loan is scheduled to close on or before November 30, 2013. He explained some minor modifications in the covenant, none of which affect the substance of the agreement among the parties. It was the consensus of the members of the Council of Trustees present, without objection, that the terms of the loan and the covenant were acceptable as presented.

Fr. Funston reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee on interviews of candidates for the priesthood:

- Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mthr. Lewis, that Mr. Steven King be recommended by the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, to Bishop Wolfe for candidacy to the priesthood. The motion carried unanimously.
- Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mr. Hannan, that Mrs. Vivian Orndorff be recommended by the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese, to Bishop Wolfe for candidacy to the priesthood. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe reported that Canon Interim Meaghan Froelich has agreed to remain as long as March, 2014, as Canon Interim, but that she has other focuses for her ministry and would not be a candidate for a permanent position. Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mthr. Lewis, to empower Bishop Wolfe to extend the period of Canon Interim Froelich's service as he and she determine to be appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe noted that the 154th Diocesan Convention was completed and was successful, both as a Diocesan family reunion and as the annual business meeting for the Diocese. He noted that the annual gathering of presbyters is coming up. He sent a letter to the Episcopal Church Center on behalf of the Diocese, noting that the Diocese of Kansas is not

receiving competitive grants, although it is one of the constituent dioceses of The Episcopal Church that pays its full asking.

Fr. Funston noted that senior seminarians from the Diocese are about to take general ordination examinations and would be appreciative of cards or other tangible indications of support from the Council of Trustees and members of the Diocese.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer at 1:35 p.m.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk