

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

October 26, 2013

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas, on October 26, 2013. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting at 12:20 p.m. with prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
The Rev. Sharon Billman
Mr. Frank Connizzo
The Rev. Gar Demo
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston
The Rev. Christine Gilson
Mr. Lawrence Hannan
Mrs. Margaret LaRue
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:

Ms. Claudia Geer
The Rev. Laurie Lewis

Advisor to the Council of Trustees present was:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Meaghan F. Froelich, Canon Interim to the Ordinary
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller

Bishop Wolfe introduced Mr. Connizzo, Mr. Hannan, Mrs. O'Connor and Mr. Wheeler and asked each to comment briefly on ministry outside the Council of Trustees. The Bishop then commented on the structure and operation of the Council of Trustees.

The primary item of business on the Council of Trustees' agenda was the election of officers to serve from the adjournment of the 154th Convention to the adjournment of the 155th Convention.

Bishop Wolfe opened nominations for president of the Council of Trustees. Deacon Pearce nominated Mr. Skaggs. There being no further nominations, Mthr. Gilson moved, seconded by Deacon Pearce, to elect Mr. Skaggs president of the Council of Trustees by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe opened nominations for secretary/clerk of the Council of Trustees. Mr. Skaggs nominated Mr. Taylor. There being no further nominations, Mr. Skaggs moved, seconded by Deacon Pearce, to elect Mr. Taylor secretary and clerk of the Council of Trustees by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe opened nominations for assistant secretary of the Council of Trustees. Fr. Funston nominated Mthr. Billman. There being no further nominations, Mr. Skaggs moved, seconded by Deacon Pearce, to elect Mthr. Billman assistant secretary of the Council of Trustees by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe opened nominations for the position of assistant treasurer of the Council of Trustees. Mr. Skaggs moved, seconded by Mthr. Gilson, to elect Mr. Currie as assistant treasurer by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

Bishop Wolfe commented on the Executive Committee and various other committees of the Council of Trustees. He noted that a list would be provided at the Council of Trustees retreat. Bishop Wolfe also provided a schedule of meetings of the Council of Trustees between now and the 155th Convention.

Bishop Wolfe commented on his vision and that of the Council of Trustees. After discussion, several priorities were listed for further discussion at the Council of Trustees November retreat:

- Support for small parishes
- Strategic plan for the Diocese
- Hispanic ministry at St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, Kansas
- Support for parish ministry by the Diocese and Diocesan staff
- Frontiers of Faith – what challenges exist and what changes need to be made to continue the ministry of the Diocese in the 21st Century?

Bishop Wolfe noted that the Diocese has sometimes taken too little, rather than too much risk.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer at 1:30 p.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk