

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

February 18, 2014

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on February 18, 2014. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with a Prayer of Self-Dedication.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

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

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Meghan Froehlich, Canon Interim to the Ordinary
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the bishop
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller
The Rev. Art Rathbun, Missioner for Development
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications
Mr. Larry Bingham, Chairman of the Capital Campaign

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the Council of Trustees meeting of January 28, 2014. A spelling error was noted, by President Bob Skaggs, in the Transition report section on page three. It was moved and seconded the minutes be approved with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

In the absence of Treasurer, Doug Anning, Mr. Jay Currie presented the treasurer's report. He noted several apportionment payments had been received after January 31, 2014. He also noted the breakdown of income and expenses for Miqra.

Mr. Currie then provided the percentage of salary compensation to housing allowance for the following:

- Interim Canon Froehlich-39% of annual compensation
- Bishop Wolfe-32% of annual compensation
- Stephanie Jenkins-30.5% of annual compensation
- Philip Hubbard-56% of annual compensation

It was moved and seconded the percentages be approved for 2014 and subsequent years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Currie reported that St. Margaret's and St. Paul's Leavenworth were current with their apportionment and St. Paul's-KCK is current with their pension payments. He also noted health insurance and clergy pensions are paid in advance and may distort the figures shown on the financial report.

Fr. Rathbun and Mr. Larry Bingham reported on the Capital Campaign. Mr. Bingham provided an updated printed report on the Leadership Center Campaign showing the estimated cost to be \$4.2 million. This increased change, from \$3.2 million, reflected adding the cost of a basement and walk out from basement, elevator and a better finish for the second floor, furnishings, smart classrooms, and site improvements between current buildings and new leadership center. Remaining amount to be raised \$2,908,664. Fr. Rathbun reported a committee has been in contact with the MaBee Foundation regarding grant opportunities.

Director of Communications, Melodie Woerman, stated there will be an article in the next Harvest, and a letter from Bishop Wolfe, on the progress of the Crossroads campaign and transition to the Leadership Center Campaign. She also is working on a new Leadership campaign logo.

Interim Canon Meghan Froehlich reported on the Diocesan Server. Current server was purchased in 2008 with 2003 software. The Server (the in house box) keeps technology talking to each other. She is still in the process of getting bids, the bid she has received for hardware and software installed is between \$13,000 and \$19,000. She hopes to have a proposed for the council to vote on at the March meeting.

The Diocesan Finance Committee is transitioning from Mr. Skaggs as the chairperson to Mrs. LaRue, and is currently working on the draft audit for 2013.

After lunch, Interim Canon Froehlich provided the Transition Ministry Report.

- St. Michaels and All Angels-Mission and St. Luke's-Shawnee are on schedule in finalizing their profiles.
- St. Francis-Stilwell is working on plans to grow the parish.
- Fr. George Willey will be doing some supply with St. Thomas-Horton and they will have discussions how to replant the parish.
- St. Clare's is discussing financial realities.

Director of Communications, Melodie Woerman, reported the website workshop held in Emporia on February 8, 2014 was a great success and workshops in the other convocations are being planned. She has almost completed the online registration process.

Bishop Wolfe reported:

- Bishop Kemper School as an Emergent Theological School and the impact on the wider church.
- House bill 2453 that proposes to legalize discrimination against gay and lesbian couples. He shared a letter urging the rejection of this bill signed by himself and the Rt. Rev. Michael Milliken, Bishop of Western Kansas.
- Meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops in London this week.
- House of Bishops Spring meeting in Oklahoma City April 9-11, 2014 on gun violence issues and encouraged our attendance.
- Chrism Mass April 15, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. with the possibility of a short CoT meeting following.

The Lay Leadership Academy will be held on Saturday May 3, 2014 at St. David's in Topeka, with a Stewardship component.

The Council of Trustees went into Executive session at 1:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the council, meeting was closed with prayer by Interim Canon Froehlich at 1:30 pm.

The Rev. Sharon Billman, Deputy Clerk