

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

September 15, 2015

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on September 15, 2015. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship commemorating the ministry of Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mr. Robert Skaggs, President
The Rev. Sharon Billman
Mr. Frank Connizzo
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston
Mr. Lawrence Hannan
The Rev. Robert Harris
Mrs. Margaret LaRue
The Rev. Laurie Lewis
Deacon Rex Matney
The Rev. Foster Mays
Mrs. Sue O'Connor
Mr. Ray Wheeler

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mr. Tim Flynn
The Rev. Tom Wilson

Advisor to the Council of Trustees present was:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Torey Lightcap, Canon to the Ordinary
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mr. C. J. Currie, Comptroller

The Rev. Dixie Junk, Priest in Charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kansas City, and Senior Warden Joy Spearman appeared to request seat, voice and vote at the 156th Diocesan Convention for lay delegates. They reported on ministry in the parish and provided a key

strategy update. At the conclusion of their presentation, they left the meeting. Mr. Skaggs moved that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese recommend to the 156th Diocesan Convention that the lay delegates of St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, be granted seat, voice and vote. Mrs. LaRue seconded the motion. There followed discussion that focused on the ministry of St. Paul's Parish and other ministries conducted at its facility and the parish's delinquent apportionment. After discussion, Mrs. LaRue withdrew her second to the motion. Fr. Mays moved that the lay delegates of St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, be granted seat and voice, but not vote, at the 156th Diocesan Convention. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. Mr. Currie presented the treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements for the period ending August 31, 2015. He noted that parish apportionments are behind by \$84,273.11, but that \$18,092.00 has been paid after August 31, 2015. He has not yet drawn on the Endowment, but expects to draw \$139,414.00 this week. He projects that receipts and expenditures will balance by year end.

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2015. Mrs. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Skaggs reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee. He moved that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas approve the election of the Rev. Moises Quezada-Mota as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. The motion was seconded by Fr. Funston and carried unanimously.

Mrs. LaRue reported that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Council of Trustees meeting.

Canon Lightcap presented the Transition Ministry report:

1. Clergy in transition:
 - a. St. Stephen's, Wichita, has elected the Rev. Mary Korte as Rector with Bishop Wolfe's consent.
 - b. Rev. Antoinette Tackett, St. Paul's, Coffeyville, will retire and be moving to New Jersey; farewell reception at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 20.
 - c. Rev. Lavonne Seifert has announced that she will be leaving St. Paul's, Clay Center, in mid-October and will be going to Rhode Island.
 - d. Rev. Elizabeth Gomes and Rev. Eli Montes, being no longer appointed to St. Christopher's in Wichita, have moved along – Mother Gomes to Good Shepherd in retirement for partial service, and Mother Montes to St. John's in Wichita, where she is beginning a Spanish language service.
2. Currently one Priest-In-Charge process remains:
 - a. St. Luke's, Shawnee – mutual ministry review for Rev. Mary Siegmund to occur on November 15.
3. Congregations currently in active process:

- a. Notes from August still stand:
 - i. (NE) Trinity, Atchison – interviewing
 - ii. (NW) St. David’s, Topeka – Rev. Betty Glover is Interim Priest
 - iii. (SW) St. James, Wichita – Assistant Rector recruitment ongoing
- b. New notes:
 - i. (SW) St. Matthew’s, Newton – final candidate has dropped out; new recruitment effort ongoing.
 - ii. (NW) St. Andrew’s, Emporia – candidate profiles currently being accepted.

Canon Lightcap also reported on the closing of St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, Wichita. The Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held on Sunday, September 13, and the properties have fully reverted to diocesan care. He has asked Mrs. LaRue to help locate suitable candidates to represent the Diocese as a Seller’s Agent for the property.

Bishop Wolfe reported that he and Canon Lightcap will spend much of the next week in the Southeast Convocation looking at all options for parishes in transition. He has established a protocol that will allow deacons to administer sacraments. He is working with St. Paul’s Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, to determine its structure going forward. He noted that the 156th Convention will offer anti-racism/diversity training and that there will be additional opportunities beyond the Convention. The Council of Trustees will not meet in November.

Bishop Wolfe also noted that the Capital Campaign Committee is working on an alternative proposal if there are not additional significant gifts to the campaign.

Fr. Harris moved that the Council of Trustees recommend reduction of the 2014 apportionment for St. Paul’s Parish, Kansas City, Kansas, to \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. LaRue. After discussion, the motion was defeated by a vote of 0 to 11 with Fr. Harris abstaining.

Bishop Wolfe acknowledged the faithful service as members of the Council of Trustees of Mr. Skaggs, who is concluding his second consecutive term and is attending his last meeting, and Fr. Funston, who is concluding his first term on the Council of Trustees, but has been nominated for re-election.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk