

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES ACTING AS STANDING COMMITTEE
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

December 13, 2016

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., met as the Standing Committee of the Diocese electronically by Zoom with members around the Diocese. The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President, convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees participating either in person or by Zoom:

The Very Rev. Foster Mays
Mr. Jack Dutra
Mr. Tim Flynn
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston
Mrs. Margaret LaRue
The Rev. Laurie Lewis
Mr. Stephan Mann
Deacon Rex Matney
Mrs. Elizabeth Doll

Advisor to the Council of Trustees participating was:

Mr. L. Franklin Taylor – Chancellor and Clerk.

The Rev. Canon Torey Lightcap, Canon to the Ordinary, and Mr. Larry Bingham, Interim Chair of the Finance Committee, also participated.

After the opening prayer, Fr. Mays noted that the items to be considered in the meeting were:

1. Is there inclination to elect a Bishop Provisional?
2. When should a Council of Trustees retreat be scheduled?

Mr. Bingham noted that a Bishop Provisional would be elected by Diocesan Convention, and that the agreement with the Bishop Provisional might reserve certain functions to the Council of Trustees. The alternative would be an assisting bishop to whom specific functions would be assigned. Fr. Mays reported that Bishop Clay Matthews noted that a Bishop Provisional has full jurisdiction, but that the Council of Trustees could likely negotiate a “light hand” with respect to functions reserved to the Council of Trustees. There followed a discussion of effort and cost involved in the election of a Bishop Provisional.

Mrs. LaRue moved that the Council of Trustees recommend to a special convention that a full-time Bishop Provisional be called. Fr. Funston seconded the motion. There followed a discussion about compensation and duties of a Bishop Provisional; it became apparent that the identity of the bishop and scope of duties would determine whether the position should be full-time or part-time.

Mrs. LaRue withdrew her motion and moved to call a Bishop Provisional with terms to be negotiated. Fr. Funston seconded. After discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Mthr. Lewis noted that it would not be essential to have a Bishop Provisional in office in February. There was a consensus that a brief gap would be acceptable.

Fr. Funston moved that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese empower the Executive Committee to prepare a short list of candidates to present to the regular January meeting of the Council of Trustees. Mrs. LaRue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the retreat for the Council of Trustees would be scheduled in the evening of January 31, 2017 and the following day February 1, 2017. Members participating in the meeting agreed that they can be present at that time.

There has been no further business to come before the meeting; it was adjourned with prayer by Deacon Matney.

Respectfully submitted:

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk