

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

**January 19, 2016**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on January 19, 2016. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship commemorating the ministry of Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester,6 at 10 a.m.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
Mrs. Sue O'Connor, President  
The Rev. Sharon Billman  
Mr. Frank Connizzo  
Mr. Tim Flynn  
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston  
Mr. Lawrence Hannan  
The Rev. Robert Harris  
Mrs. Margaret LaRue  
The Rev. Laurie Lewis  
Mr. Stephan Mann  
Deacon Rex Matney  
The Rev. Foster Mays  
The Rev. Tom Wilson

Member of the Council of Trustees absent was:

Mr. Ray Wheeler

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  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
Mr. Larry Bingham, Interim Finance Chair and Chair of Capital Campaign  
The Rev. Art Rathbun, Director of Development  
Ms. Karen Schlabach, Youth Missioner

Bishop Wolfe presented the Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2015. The minutes were approved by unanimous consensus of the members present.

Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's Report of receipts and disbursements for the period ending December 31, 2015. He noted that Parish apportionments are behind by \$97,428.80 as of year end, although some additional apportionments were paid after December 31. He noted that approximately \$50,000.00 in apportionments would be uncollectable. Expenses were over budget at year end by about \$56,000.00. This is largely attributable to the expense for Community Life which is significantly over budget due to General Convention expenses. The funds for this line item are escrowed over three years for each triennial convention but expended only in the year of General Convention. The net budget deficit for 2015 is \$77,213.46.

Mr. Bingham reported on the Capital Campaign. The site plan for the proposed Cathedral Great Hall/Diocesan Office/Bishop Kemper School for Ministry is the same as previously approved by the City of Topeka. Grace Cathedral has achieved its campaign goal for this project and Dean Steve Lipscomb has joined the diocesan fund raising effort. There was some discussion of the anticipated relationship between the Diocese and the Cathedral since the Diocese and Bishop Kemper School for Ministry would occupy space owned by the Cathedral. Both Mr. Bingham and the Chancellor noted that this relationship could be covered in agreements among these entities. There was also a question about boundary of the project and whether it will be solely on land owned by the Cathedral or partly on Diocesan ground. This still needs to be determined.

Fr. Rathbun reported on his work as Director of Development. He noted that working with the Cathedral on the altered building project appears to be a right answer for the Diocese and for Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. He noted that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has a student at Bishop Kemper School for Ministry and that the school's Dean, the Rev. Don Compier currently offices with the ELCA in Kansas City, all of which may suggest another avenue of support for BKSM. He noted that, while the Diocese still needs to raise about \$1,100,000.00 to achieve the revised goal, the fund raising parameters are now more achievable. He expects that the Diocese will designate someone on staff to manage the details of completing the Crossroads Campaign and that the Leadership Campaign will focus on a finite number of donors and challenge gifts.

Bishop Wolfe noted that the involvement of other dioceses, other denominations and more students in Bishop Kemper School for Ministry are all now reality. There followed an extended discussion of the campaign, its shift in emphasis and Bishop Wolfe's commitment to and focus on campaign leadership in its final phase. Mother Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Hannan, that the Council of Trustees endorse the joint plan among the Diocese, Grace Cathedral and the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry and approve moving forward with fund raising for the joint plan. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m. Ms. Schlabaugh reported on Miqra, attended over the last weekend by 71 middle school and high school students. The event was well staffed, with staff including most of the college peer ministers and the new youth minister from Grace Cathedral. She plans a music weekend in

February for the high school music team and is recruiting camp staff for Mega Camp, for which the 2016 theme will be “Five Marks of Mission.”

Mr. Bingham reported as Interim Chair of the Finance Committee:

- The realtor for the St. Christopher’s Property in Wichita recommended that the rectory be listed separately at a listing price of \$85,000.00.
- Two inquiries from parishes about apportionment payments provide an early warning of potential pledge losses. The inquiries were referred to the Finance Committee.

Mother Billman noted that the Commission on Ministry has scheduled interviews with two candidates for the vocational diaconate, Jim Cummins and Mary Becker, and two candidates for the priesthood, Greg Doll and Charles Everson. In this connection, Bishop Wolfe noted that, for the first time, Bishop Kemper School for Ministry has had three students take General Ordination Examinations.

Canon Lightcap reported on Clergy in transition:

- a. St. Luke’s, Shawnee, will hold a Celebration of New Ministry for Mother Mary Siegmund on Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m.
- b. St. Martins in the Field, Edwardsville is ready to call Father Joe Alford (Priest-In-Charge) to be their next Rector. They have received almost all Vestry responses to their Mutual Ministry Review. These will be compiled and used as a discussion of next steps to be taken.
- c. St. Paul’s, Clay Center, is receiving names. Pastor Amy Truhe, a Lutheran priest, is going to be a supply priest for them on February 7.
- d. St. Francis of Assisi in the Pines, Stilwell is looking for supply priests starting in February when Mother Amy Cox completes her agreement to serve as the Locum Tenens Priest. Mother Stephanie Jenkins will be celebrating with them for two Sundays in February.
- e. St. Andrew the Apostle, Emporia is ready to sign the Letter of Agreement calling The Reverend Margaret Kathleen Dagg as their Locum Tenens Priest.

Congregations currently in the active process:

- a. (NW) St. David’s, Topeka—Rev. Betty Glover is Interim Priest. They are beginning discussions regarding the search process.
- b. (SW) St. James, Wichita—Assistant Rector has been suspended until early spring.
- c. (SW) St. Matthew’s, Newton—still accepting candidates; actively identifying potential candidates.
- d. (NW) St. Andrew’s, Emporia—taking time to reevaluate their portfolio, website and expectation.
- e. (NW) St. Paul’s, Clay Center—accepting candidates

Other reports:

1. Campus Missioner
  - a. Canon’s office is helping to oversee some elements of Campus Missioner Function while Interns and Campus Ministry council are also stepping up.

- b. An evaluative period begins soon for the position, with a description and recruitment to follow.
2. Board of Examining Chaplains
  - a. The Rev. Mary Korte is now Chair.
  - b. Group is a resource for the Bishop in light of General Ordination Examinations but also looking at ways to be more broadly and pastorally useful in terms of academic formation of people in the Holy Orders process.
3. Hispanic Ministry—the Diocese would like to improve its stable of Spanish speakers. Those who speak Spanish and who have an interest in building this ministry should contact the office of the Canon.

After the Canon's report, there followed a brief discussion of Mother Cox's tenure at St. Francis parish and future plans for the parish.

Bishop Wolfe reported on difficult conversations with the Archbishop of Canterbury about different perspectives. He noted that, although representatives of The Episcopal Church have been asked not to attend a couple of minor meetings, we are "walking together" through some difficult issues.

Bishop Wolfe noted that he cannot think of a more important part of the Diocese's evangelistic strategy than the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. He invited the Council of Trustees to commit themselves to the ongoing support of this project. Over the past month, he has focused on:

- Pastoral support of clergy, including pastoral care at the time of death
- Bishop Kemper School for Ministry facility leadership, and
- Strategic Planning.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Bishop Wolfe adjourned for lunch with prayer at 12:25 pm.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk