

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

**March 29, 2016**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on March 29, 2016. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship 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  
Mr. Lawrence Hannan  
The Rev. Robert Harris  
Mrs. Margaret LaRue  
The Rev. Laurie Lewis  
Mr. Stephan Mann  
Deacon Rex Matney  
Mr. Ray Wheeler  
The Rev. Tom Wilson

Member of the Council of Trustees absent was:

The Rev. Foster Mays  
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston

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  
Mr. Mike Morrow

Bishop Wolfe presented the Minutes of the Meeting of January 19, 2016. On motion by Mrs. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Connizzo, the minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's Report of receipts and disbursements for the period ending February 29, 2016. He noted that St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, St. Paul's Parish, Leavenworth, and St. Luke's Parish, Wamego, remain delinquent on 2015 apportionment. It appears that St. Luke's Parish, Wamego, will be in the position to bring this apportionment current. He reported that he expects delinquencies to continue in 2016 for the other two parishes. As the report indicates, the \$36,000 budgeted has not yet been withdrawn from the Diocese endowment. Several items on the report are over budget largely due to timing of obligations. Late apportionment payments received after February 29, 2016 are \$23,253. Mr. Currie noted that the financial statements are in fairly good shape. Conversations with St. Paul's Parish, Leavenworth continue. There followed a brief discussion of the contact Bishop Wolfe, Cannon Lightcap, and Mthr. Lewis had with the representatives of the parish.

Mrs. O'Connor, in her capacity as President of the Standing Committee, requested consents to various Diocesan elections:

- Mrs. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mthr. Billman, that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas consent to the election of the Rev. Patrick W. Bell as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mthr. Lewis moved, seconded by Deacon Matney, that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas consent to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Los Angeles. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mthr. Billman moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor, that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas consent to the election of the Rev. Douglas E. Sparks as a Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Northern Indiana. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mthr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Mann, that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas consent to the election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of West Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bingham reported for the Finance Committee. He presented a request from St. Paul's Parish, Marysville for an apportionment exemption. He noted that the request for the forgiveness of \$1,707.22 to construct handicap access is not necessary because the funds were raised from a capital fund drive and those receipts are already excluded from the apportionment base in the current canon. He suggested that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for discussion. There was a consensus that the Council of Trustees support the program proposed in the request and will communicate to the parish through the Finance Committee concerning the appropriate method of reporting these receipts on the annual parochial report.

Mr. Bingham next discussed the proposed sale of property owned by St. Christopher's Parish, Wichita consisting of the church building and the rectory. The church building is listed for \$350,000, and Diocese has received two offers of \$225,000. The first, which would have

required carryback financing, was rejected. The second offer, from the Vietnamese Metropolitan Baptist Church which has traditional financing pre-approved, may be a viable offer. Representatives of the Council of Trustees have had no indication from the realtor that the listing price is too high; it was the consensus of the Council of Trustees that the listing price should not be reduced.

With respect to the rectory, the representatives of Diocese and a buyer have been exchanging offers and have agreed on a sale price of \$85,000 subject to the Diocese, as seller, paying closing costs of \$4,500 and the cost of structural repairs in the amount of \$3,860. Fr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mthr. Lewis, to approve the sale at this price for approximate net proceeds of \$76,640. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

Mr. Morrow reported on behalf of the Interview Committee, consisting of Fr. Foster Mays, Mthr. Billman, Deacon Charles Pearce, Mr. Bob Skaggs, and himself, with Fr. George Wiley, also participating as the representative of the Bishop's office, of candidates for ordination to the Diaconate. The committee recommended that the Council of Trustees approve the candidacy of Mr. Greg Doll for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate subject to further discernment and an additional interview by the committee before being approved for ordination for the priesthood. Deacon Matney moved, seconded by Mr. Hannan, to approve the candidacy of Mr. Greg Doll to the Transitional Diaconate, subject to further discernment and an additional interview before being approved as a candidate for the priesthood. The motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, that Mr. Charles Everson be approved as a candidate for the Transitional Diaconate. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wheeler moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor, that Mr. Jim Cummins be approved as a candidate for the Vocational Diaconate. The motion carried unanimously.

Mthr. Billman moved, seconded by Mr. Mann, that Ms. Mary Becker be approved for candidacy for the Vocational Diaconate. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mann reported for the Outreach Committee of the Crossroads Campaign. Ten percent of the proceeds of the campaign is designated for mission and outreach. Mr. Mann presented guidelines for the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Alleluia Grant Program for the disbursement of funds from this portion of the Crossroad Campaign. He noted that this fund contains \$243,471 as of December 31, 2015. Mr. Hannan moved, seconded by Mrs. O'Connor, that the guidelines, which are attached to and incorporated in these minutes, be approved as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council of Trustees recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Fr. Rathbun reported on raising funds necessary to complete the new plan for the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. He has received substantial positive feedback about the new plan,

especially with respect to the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry facility. He had previously reported a One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) Challenge Grant; on Easter Eve, he received a pledge for an additional Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) Challenge Grant which he believes will make the current goal of \$1 Million achievable. Bishop Wolfe noted that Diocese just received notice of a gift of \$24,872.00 from the estate of Mary Cohoon.

Ms. Schlabach reported on youth activities. She provided written reports on Miqra 2016 and the youth music weekend. She also noted that New Beginnings: Love God, Love Others is scheduled for April 15 through 17 at St. David's Parish, Topeka, for students in Grades 6 through 8 of the current school year. She reported on preparations for Episcopal Summer MegaCamp scheduled for June 5 through June 11, 2016 at Camp Wood YMCA.

Canon Lightcap reported on clergy in transition:

- a. Rev. William Wolff has announced his retirement. His last day at St. Peter's Parish, Pittsburg will be August 7, 2016.
- b. Canon Lightcap is working with St. Mary's Parish, Galena after the death earlier this year of the Rev. J. W. Stephenson, Vicar of that Parish.
- c. St. Francis' Parish, Stilwell is moving forward on a long term solution for its Clergy, but a Letter of Agreement has not been executed.

Canon Lightcap also reported on congregations currently in the active search process:

- a. Rev. Betty Glover continues as an Interim Priest at St. David's Parish, Topeka. The Parish has published its national data base listing online; the search process will begin in mid to late summer.
- b. St. James' Parish, Wichita, has determined that it is really searching for an Associate Rector. The parish has developed its church assessment tool and will begin its search process in mid to late summer.
- c. St. James' Parish, Wichita, has determined that the focus of its Clergy search will be to find an Associate Rector.
- d. St. Mathew's Parish, Newton, is currently negotiating with a finalist for its Vicar position.
- e. St. Andrew's Parish, Emporia, has removed its national data base listing to re-evaluate and has published an updated listing.
- f. St. Paul's Parish, Clay Center, is accepting candidates.
- g. The job description for a Campus Missioner will be posted this week.

Bishop Wolfe reported on several matters. His candidacy in the Pennsylvania Episcopal election was based on work done together in this Diocese and that process leads to clarity about what we have accomplished as a Diocese and the work that remains to be done. He discussed briefly the presiding Bishop's surgery for a subdural hematoma and his rehabilitation. He noted the investigation of three senior staff members who have been placed on administrative leave from the Church Center. He discussed briefly the Episcopal intervention at St. John's Parish,

Wichita. He also noted that Mrs. Atha will provide some support for the conclusion of the Crossroads and Leadership phases of the Capital Campaign.

Fr. Wilson enquired about transition at St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, Kansas. That matter will be placed on a future agenda.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Bishop Wolfe adjourned with prayer at 1:22 pm.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk