

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

**May 17, 2016**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on May 17, 2016. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship commemorating Bishop William Hobart Hare.

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  
The Rev. Laurie Lewis  
The Rev. Foster Mays  
Mr. Stephan Mann  
Deacon Rex Matney  
Mr. Ray Wheeler  
The Rev. Tom Wilson

Member of the Council of Trustees absent was:

Mrs. Margaret LaRue

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  
Mr. Larry Bingham, Chair, Finance Committee  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications.  
Ms. Abby Zimmerman, Intern, St. Paul's, Manhattan

Bishop Wolfe presented the Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2016. The minutes were accepted by consensus of the Council Trustees with two minor corrections.

Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that Trinity Parish of Atchison and St. Mark's Parish Blue Rapids have paid their apportionment for the year in full. Delinquent parishes are generally catching up with the exception of St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, Kansas and St. Paul's Parish, Leavenworth. He has not yet drawn funds from the Diocesan endowment. Some expense items are paid ahead, and expenditures will smooth out over the year. The month end deficit for April 30, 2016, was \$146,745.87, and it is his expectation that the deficit will be substantially reduced over the course of the year.

Bishop Wolfe lead a discussion about how to deal collaboratively with parishes delinquent in apportionment. There was a brief discussion of review of the apportionment Canon by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Bingham reported for the Finance Committee that the sale of St. Christopher's Rectory in Wichita closed on May 16, 2016, with net proceeds of approximately \$73,000.00. Mrs. O'Connor moved, seconded by Father Wilson to ratify the Council Trustees resolution of April 28, 2016, authorizing the execution of closing documents, which was previously approved by email vote.

Mr. Bingham also reported on the Capital Campaign's focus on developing communication to the donor base about the joint project among the Diocese, Grace Cathedral and the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

Mr. Mann enquired about how the proceeds of the sale of St. Christopher Rectory will be used. Mr. Hannan moved, seconded by Mr. Connizzo, to apply the proceeds to the Capital Campaign. After brief discussion the motion carried unanimously.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Mthr. Billman reported briefly on the Southeast Convocation Vision Task Force, which met in April and met again on May 21, 2016.

The Rev. Canon Lightcap reported on Transition Ministry.

- At St. John's, Wichita, we continue looking at qualified interim priests to interview. We believed we had the ideal candidate, but it turned out he could only serve part time.
- St. James, Wichita, has interviewed and offered to extend call to a clergy couple to serve as co-associates. We expect to hear soon about this.
- St. Paul's, Clay Center, continues to receive names.
- St. Francis of Assisi in the Pines, Stilwell, will have Doreen Rice as its Vicar, with a start date to be determined by Letter of Agreement.
- St. Andrew's, Emporia, is currently interviewing one candidate

Canon Lightcap also reported we currently are aggressively pursuing several possibilities for the position of Campus Missioner.

Assignments following ordination:

- Becker, Mary (Vocational Diaconate) – St. David’s, Topeka
- Cummins, Jim (Vocational Diaconate) – St. Paul’s, Kansas City, Kansas
- Doll, Greg (Transitional Diaconate) – St. Paul’s, Manhattan
- Everson, Charles (Transitional Diaconate) – St. Luke’s, Shawnee
- Rice, Doreen (Priesthood) – St. Francis in the Pines, Stilwell

Assignments following one year of service as diaconal interns:

- Carter, Stevie (St. Paul’s, KCK) – St. Michael and All Angels, Mission
- Schwaller, Robert (St. Margaret’s, Lawrence) – Trinity, Lawrence, with KU-Canterbury
- Wallace, Arland (Good Shepherd, Wichita) – St. John’s, Wichita

Bishop Wolfe led a discussion of new models for clergy availability and suggested that a video conferencing presentation on this issue would be made at a future meeting. There was also a discussion of utilizing technology to facilitate some Council Trustees Meetings at multiple locations. It was suggested that future Council of Trustees meetings be moved from Tuesday to Wednesday; there was a consensus that this would be acceptable.

Bishop Wolfe reported that the Diocese has received a \$10,000.00 gift from the Paddock Foundation for Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

Bishop Wolfe presented a statement from the Kansas Interfaith Action Network and suggested that a member of the Council Trustees participate in this group in the future.

There is an ongoing discussion with Episcopal Community Services in Kansas City about some of the ministries conducted at St. Paul’s, Kansas City, Kansas. ECS and the Diocese are exploring a new model for managing specific ministries under the leadership of ECS rather than Saint Paul’s Parish.

Bishop Wolfe reported on a meeting with leaders of Bishop Seabury Academy about plans for expansion of the school. The leadership feels that they have some unique fund raising challenges and will be making a proposal about the structure of the school and operation and its facilities.

Bishop Wolfe reported on conversations with Joe Crowthers, the Pastor of a large ELCA Lutheran Church in Kansas City. He is looking at alternative methods to reach people. Bishop Wolfe noted that the Church Center has funds for ELCA/Episcopal collaboration.

Bishop Wolfe presented a written report from Diocesan Youth Officer, Karen Schlabach from the recently completed New Beginnings retreat and the preparation for this summer’s Mega Camp. Mega Camp has 195 youth registered and only about 20 openings remain. He also presented a report from Ms. Schlabach concerning allegations about improprieties at camp Wood about two years ago. These activities did not involve the Diocesan Youth Camp or occur during

the Diocesan Youth Camp, but did involve a YMCA counselor who was present during Diocesan Youth Camp. It was agreed that Camp Wood should have provided more complete information to Diocesan authorities on a timely basis. Diocesan staff will follow up with a representative of Camp Wood.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer at 12:22 pm.

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L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk