

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

June 14, 2016

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on June 14, 2016. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship commemorating Bishop Basil of Caesarea.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe
Mrs. Sue O'Connor, President
The Rev. Sharon Billman
Mr. Frank Connizzo
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

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mr. Tim Flynn
Mrs. Margaret LaRue

Advisor to the Council of Trustees Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk-Absent

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
Abby Zimmerman, Intern, St. Paul's Church, Manhattan
Margaret Brack, Seminarian from Nashotah House

Bishop Wolfe presented the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2016. Mrs. Sue O'Connor moved and Deacon Rex Matney seconded the minutes be approved with the addition of Abby Zimmerman being present. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Currie presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that Trinity Parish of Atchison, St. Mark's Parish of Blue Rapids and St. Thomas' Parish of Holton 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 May 31, 2016 was \$138,251.74, and it is his expectation that the deficit will be substantially reduced over the course of the year. Mr. Ray Wheeler moved and the Rev. Tom Wilson seconded the Treasurer's report be accepted with appreciation.

Due to the absence of Mrs. Margaret LaRue and Mr. Larry Bingham, Bishop Wolfe reported that the finance committee is working on a draft of the 2017 mission plan. As soon as it has been finalized copies will be emailed to the Council of Trustees to review and be prepared to vote at the August meeting.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

The Rev. Tom Wilson reported a Planned Giving workshop is being planned with ESS and ECF on August 13, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. James' in Wichita. The workshop is open to all parishes in the diocese for clergy and lay leaders. Additional meetings will follow. Ken Quigley, from ECF, will be present and available to assist parishes in their planned giving efforts.

Mental illness workshop for clergy, sponsored by ESS and Catholic Charities of Wichita, will be held June 28, 2016 at the Catholic Diocese office.

Bishop Wolfe is working with Barbara Andres, and the ELCA and United Methodist bishops, in lobbying against the reduction in school funding, so schools can open on time.

He also reported that refugees in the pipeline will not be affected by the actions of the Kansas legislature.

The Rev. Canon Torey Lightcap reported on Transition Ministry.

- At St. John's, Wichita, they continue looking at qualified interim priests to interview.
- Training for Interim priests is needed.
- St. James, Wichita, interviewed and offered to extend a call to a clergy couple to serve as co-associates. They have declined the offer, and the search has been reopened.
- St. Paul's, Clay Center, continues to receive names.
- St. Francis of Assisi in the Pines, Stilwell, will have Doreen Rice as its Vicar, starting August 1, 2016.
- St. Andrew's, Emporia, is currently interviewing one candidate. Some question about how to make finances work: emblematic of the economics of priesthood.

Canon Lightcap also introduced Margaret Brack, a seminarian visiting from Nashotah House, looking into the possibilities of re-locating to Kansas upon graduation.

He also reported that Campus Missioner applications have closed. Three applications were received, and they are being reviewed.

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, Kansas City, Kansas) – 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 presented a written report from Diocesan Youth Officer, Karen Schlabach about Mega Camp. Total of 200 campers: 56 elementary; 71 junior high; 74 senior high, and 52 Episcopal staff. Estimated total income of \$75,245.00 and estimated total expenses of \$81,646.90. One unanticipated expense was the addition of background checks on all camp staff.

Eucharists were held at St. Michael’s, Mission, and St. James’, Wichita, for the victims and families of the Orlando shooting targeting the LGBT community.

The Council of Trustees went into executive session at 11:35 a.m. and returned at noon.

A Pastoral Directive, in draft format, regarding the presence of firearms in churches, endorsed by Bishop Wolfe and Bishop Milliken was distributed. The Rev. Tom Wilson moved, and the Rev. Patrick Funston seconded, that the Council of Trustees concurs and endorses this directive. Motion carried unanimously. Bishop Wolfe requested that Mrs. Sue O’Connor, as President of the Council of Trustees, convene a committee to obtain statements from various members in support of this directive before it is sent to all parishes.

The letter sent to all contributors to the Capital Campaign, dated June 9, 2016, was discussed to obtain the final amount needed to complete the Leadership Center, and previously endorsed by the Council of Trustees. Pledge cards were available for the Trustees.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer at 12:20 pm.

The Rev. Sharon L. Billman, Deputy Clerk