

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

October 21, 2017

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas, on October 21, 2017 at the conclusion of the 158th Diocesan Convention. The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President, convened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Fr. Mays welcomed new members the Rev. Suzi Drury and Mrs. Myrline Winkler. They also welcomed the Very Rev. Laurie Lewis who was elected to a second term by the Convention.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Fr. Mays
Mr. Todd Allison
The Rev. Sharon Billman
Mrs. Elizabeth Doll
Deacon Suzi Drury
Mr. Jack Dutra
Mr. Tim Flynn
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston
The Very Rev. Laurie Lewis
Mr. Stephan Mann
Deacon Rex Matney
The Rev. Andrew O'Connor
Mrs. Myrline Winkler

Mr. Scott Howard was absent.

Also present were advisors to the Council of Trustees: Mr. L. Franklin Taylor, Chancellor and Clerk, Mr. Larry Bingham, Treasurer.

Also present were:

The Rev. Canon Torey Lightcap, Canon to the Ordinary
Mrs. Jeanne Atha, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mr. Jay Currie, Comptroller

Fr. Mays presented the Minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2017. Four corrections were offered. Fr. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mrs. Doll, that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Currie presented the budgeted financial statement for September 30, 2017. He reviewed delinquent and late apportionments and noted that a \$200,000.00 transfer from endowment income was made in September. The financial statement should balance at year end.

Mr. Mann presented five candidates for ordination to the priesthood. Mthr. Lewis moved, seconded by Fr. Funston, that the Council of Trustees acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas approve the Rev. Bianca Elliott, the Rev. Katie Knoll Lenon, and the Rev. Mike Loyd for ordination to the priesthood on January 6, 2018, and Rev. Clay Calhoun and the Rev. Mark Ohlemeier for ordination to the priesthood on behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas by the Bishops of the Dioceses in which they are respectively serving. The motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Mays noted that the approval requested for the assignment of Deacon Barbara Gibson to St. Mathews' Parish, Newton for twelve months did not receive the votes of the majority of the members of the Council of Trustees by email. The Venerable Charles Pearce, one of the Archdeacons of the Diocese, will be present at the Council of Trustees Meeting on November 15, 2017 to provide input on this matter. The assignment of the Deacon Gibson will be deferred until that time.

Fr. Mays reported on a confidential conflict between a parish and its clergy in which mediation has been requested pursuant to the provisions of General Canons. The Rt. Rev. Michael Milliken, Assisting Bishop, has been involved in this dialog. Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mr. Allison, that the Council of Trustees as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese delegate the resolution of this issue to Bishop Milliken as its acting Bishop pursuant to the terms of the Letter of Agreement between the Council of Trustees and Bishop Milliken. The motion carried unanimously. Bishop Milliken will be invited to meet with the Council of Trustees at its November meeting.

Fr. Mays noted that the resolution approving the appointment of the Rev. Brenton H. Carey as interim pastor at St. Michael and All Angels Parish, Mission and approving the Letter of Agreement for Fr. Carey was approved by email in accordance with bylaws of the Council of Trustees.

Fr. Mays called for the election of officers of the Council of Trustees to serve until 159th Diocesan Convention:

- President – Mthr. Lewis nominated the Very Rev. Foster Mays. There were no other nominations, and Fr. Mays was elected by acclamation.
- Secretary/Clerk – Mthr. Billman nominated Mr. L. Franklin Taylor. There being no other nominations, Mr. Taylor was elected by acclamation.
- Assistant Secretary – Mthr. Lewis nominated the Rev. Sharon Billman. There being no other nominations, Mthr. Billman was elected by acclamation.
- Assistant Treasurer - Mthr. Lewis nominated Jay Currie. There being no other nominations, Mr. Currie was elected by acclamation.

Fr. Mays provided members of the Council of Trustees with meeting dates for coming year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Canon Lightcap closed the meeting with prayer. The Council of Trustees adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk