

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

**January 25, 2017**

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on January 25, 2017. The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe, Bishop and Chairman, convened the meeting with worship commemorating Saint Paul.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Wolfe  
The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President  
The Rev. Sharon Billman  
Mrs. Elizabeth Doll  
Mr. Jack Dutra  
Mr. Tim Flynn  
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston  
The Rev. Robert Harris  
The Rev. Laurie Lewis  
Mr. Stephan Mann  
The Rev. Andrew O'Connor

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mrs. Margaret LaRue  
Deacon Rex Matney  
Mrs. Sue O'Connor  
Mr. Scott Howard

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. Larry Bingham, Chair, Finance Committee  
The Rev. Betty Glover, Campus Missioner  
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications  
The Rev. George Wiley, Canon Pastor  
Mr. Jay Currie, Comptroller

Bishop Wolfe presented the Minutes of the Meeting of November 30, 2016 and Zoom meetings of December 6 and December 13, 2016. The minutes were approved with one spelling correction. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted, this was the first time for Zoom meetings of the Council of Trustees.

Mr. Jay Currie presented the declared housing allowance for Canon Torey Lightcap-40%; Bishop Dean Wolfe-40%; and The Rev. Betty Glover-30%. The Rev. Patrick Funston moved, seconded by The Rev. Laurie Lewis, motion carried.

Mr Currie reported all parishes have paid their 2016 apportionment in full, except St. Paul's in Kansas City and St. Paul's in Leavenworth.

The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President of the Standing Committee presented a request for consent to the election of The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Indianapolis. Fr. Mays, moved, Mr. Jack Dutra, seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President of the Standing Committee presented a request for consent to the election of The Rev. Canon Gretchen Mary Rehberg as Bishop Diocesan for the Diocese of Spokane. Fr. Mays, moved, Mr. Jack Dutra, seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Larry Bingham, Interim Finance Chairman, reported that the Committee had begun its review of the Apportionment Canon and he presented their recommendations with respect to Sections 1, 2 and 3.a(1). The Committee recommended that the general approach of the current Canon be continued to provide that the calculation of each year's apportionment rate would be adjusted to provide the funds necessary to support the Mission Plan adopted by Convention ("Mission Plan drives Apportionment") and that the base for calculating apportionment continue to be Normal Operating Income as determined by Box A of the Annual Parochial Report. He also reported the discussion and recommendation with regard to exemption of capital fund projects. The Committee recommended deletion of the exemption because capital fund receipts are not included in Box A of the Parochial Report, but did recommend continuance of the deduction for repayment of debt incurred for a capital expenditure. The Committee will continue its review of the remaining sections of the Canon in the following months and report its recommendations. . He encouraged Council members to share this discussion with their convocations and obtain feedback for the Council.

Mr. Bingham reported that the Diocesan Audit Guidelines are being reviewed by the Committee with the assistance of the Rev. Charles Everson who is a professional bank auditor. He gathered comments and perspectives from Council members with respect to the current Guidelines to be conveyed to the consultant.

The Very Rev. Foster Mays, reported the December 2016 balance of the Diocesan Endowment is \$4,941,791.90, with approximately \$250,000 in custodial accounts.

A Mark Funding Grant Application, from St. Paul's in Kansas City was distributed outlining the projects that funds are requested for.

Bishop Transition report was given by The Very Rev. Foster Mays, from the Provisional Working Group of members from the Council of Trustees. He reported the decision is to pursue applications for a part-time provisional bishop that will have full jurisdiction within the diocese until a new diocesan bishop is consecrated. The Rt. Rev. Clay Matthews, in the office of the Presiding Bishop, has been working with the provisional working group, and will be providing candidates'

names for consideration. More discussion on this topic will be at the Council of Trustees Retreat next week.

Mr. Stephan Mann presented an update on the Alleluia Grants, with more information to be provided at the February 2017 Council of Trustees Meeting.

Clergy Transition Report was given by The Canon to the Ordinary, Torey Lightcap.

- ◆ St. Paul's, Clay Center-The Rev. Amy Truhe, ELCA pastor from Salina, has signed a six-month Letter of Agreement to serve as Pastor/Priest.

- ◆ St. Andrew's, Emporia-A call has been offered and accepted for the rectorship of this parish. More information to follow.

- ◆ St. David's, Topeka-The search team has finished its work and has recommended a candidate for Rector to the Vestry.

- ◆ St. Peter's, Pittsburg-position open, advertised.

- ◆ St. James, Wichita-Associate position has been accepted by The Rev. Sarah Stewart, who is a Rockwell Grant fellow at St. James' Episcopal Church, New York City. Rev. Stewart's term starts in July.

- ◆ St. John's, Wichita-Search team has conducted the Church Assessment Tool, with an interpretation to be given soon by Canon Lightcap. They are also conducting focus groups to gain more insight before generating a search profile.

- ◆ St. Andrew's, Derby-Currently moving to having a regular schedule of supply priests. May also have someone to effectively serve as interim.

- ◆ St. Luke's, Wamego-Have also developed a supply schedule for the time-being.

Canon Lightcap reported on the status of Mark Ohlemier and Clay Calhoun, who will be graduating in 2017 from seminary. The Diocese budgets for two diocesan curates, however, no parish in the diocese has been able to make a commitment. Bishop Wolfe has released them so they can conduct their own searches outside of the Diocese of Kansas. He also reported a third, Katie Knoll Lennon, has accepted a call to a pastoral residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

General Ordination Exams were hosted by Bishop Kemper School. Two BKSM students took the exams and reports will be available next month.

The Rev. Betty Glover was welcomed as the new Campus Missioner.

Bishop Wolfe spoke of his 14 years as Bishop and thanked the staff and leadership of others during his episcopacy.

The Council went into Executive Session at 1:25pm to 1:40 pm.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer by Bishop Wolfe at 1:50 pm.

The Rev. Sharon L. Billman, Deputy Clerk