

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

April 19, 2017

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on April 19, 2017. The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President, convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Fr. Mays
Mr. Todd Allison
The Rev. Sharon Billman
Mrs. Elizabeth Doll
Mr. Jack Dutra
Mr. Tim Flynn
The Rev. Gar Demo
Mr. Scott Howard
Mr. Stephen Mann
Deacon Rex Matney
The Rev. Andrew O'Connor
The Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

Mrs. Margaret LaRue
The Rev. Laurie Lewis

Also present was advisor to the Council of Trustees 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. Larry Bingham, Interim Finance Committee Chair
Mr. Jay Currie, Comptroller
Ms. Karen Schlabach, Youth Missioner
The Rev. Betty Glover, Campus Missioner

Fr. Mays presented the Minutes of the Meeting of March 15, 2017. It was noted that the honorific for Fr. O'Connor's name was incorrect and that the reference to a Lilly Foundation grant on page 3 of the minutes should have referred to a grant of "up to \$25,000 per year." Mr. Dutra moved, seconded by Deacon Matney, to approve the Minutes as modified. The motion carried unanimously. Fr. Mays then presented the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 4,

2017. Mthr. Billman moved, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Currie presented the budgeted financial statement for March 31, 2017. He noted that \$24,789 in late apportionments was received after March 31 and that, taking this amount into account, there remain delinquent apportionments in the amount of \$37,949.58. Expenditures varied from budget primarily because of timing issues due to some budgeted payments made early in the year. Revenue is \$157,667.25 behind budget, but a budgeted draw from endowment income of \$57,592.50 has not been taken. He continues to watch St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, St. Paul's Parish, Leavenworth, and St. John's Parish, Wichita, all of which anticipate delinquent apportionments for the year. Mr. Dutra noted that he has a request to meet with representatives of St. Paul's Parish, Kansas City, after the upcoming Northeast Convocation Board meeting to discuss that parish's status.

Fr. Mays reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee on two episcopal elections:

- Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mr. Dutra, that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas, consent to the election of the Rev. Samuel S. Rodman III as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of North Carolina. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Mann moved, seconded by Mr. Flynn, that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas, consent to the election of the Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson as Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

Mthr. Glover reported on Campus Ministry:

- KU Canterbury House will not have students lining in the house in the next school year. She is working on more innovative programming for KU.
- KSU Canterbury House currently has more developed activity, with plans for residents and an intern for the coming year.
- Grace Parish, Chanute, has received a \$600 grant and is providing a place for nursing students to meet and study.
- St. Timothy's Parish, Iola, has received a \$600 grant and is providing meals for students during spring break.
- With respect to St. John's Parish, Parsons, Mthr. Billman reported that the parish's Laundry and Latte program, now in its seventh year, continues.
- Mr. Howard reported that St. Peter's Parish, Pittsburg, is using a \$600 grant to collaborate with the Pittsburg State University music department to provide choristers for parish liturgy. This has also resulted in public PSU concerts at St. Peter's.
- Fr. O'Connor reported that the Wichita parishes have used a \$1,200 grant to continue a dinner and conversation program for students that rotates among the parishes.

There followed a brief discussion of programming at KU Canterbury House.

Mr. Bingham reported for the Finance Committee:

- He presented a letter from St. Luke's Parish, Wamego, requesting exemption of a \$3,011.05 capital expenditure for roof repair from apportionment, noting that the Northwest Convocation Board has recommended approval of this request and that

the current parochial report form is ambiguous about reporting this type of expenditure. Fr. Demo moved, seconded by Mrs. Doll, that the requested exemption be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

- Annual parochial reports are slow coming in; the Finance Committee will meet on May 10 to review and summarize parochial report information.
- Feedback from the Northwest Convocation Board suggests that delinquent apportionment information could be handled more transparently prior to Convention. There followed a discussion of suggested improvements to this process.
- The Northwest Convocation Board also requested more meaningful input into the development of the annual Mission Plan. Mr. Bingham suggested that a draft of the Mission Plan could be available for review and discussion earlier in the year.

Mrs. LaRue joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

- Mr. Bingham concluded his report by providing a written issues analysis and proformas for suggested changes in the apportionment formula prepared for the Finance Committee.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Mann reported for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee, which recommended that Ms. Bianca Elliott and Mr. Mike Lloyd be approved for ordination on June 17, 2017.

Deacon Matney moved, seconded by Mrs. La Rue, that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee for the Diocese of Kansas, approve Ms. Bianca Elliott for ordination to the transitional diaconate. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mann noted that Ms. Elliott would be assigned to St. Aidan's Parish, Olathe.

Mrs. La Rue moved, seconded by Fr. Funston, that the Council of Trustees, acting as Standing Committee of the Diocese of Kansas, approve Mr. Mike Lloyd for ordination to the transitional diaconate. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mann noted that Mr. Lloyd would be assigned to St. Good Shepherd Parish, Wichita. There followed a brief discussion about the duration of the assignment of a transitional deacon based on the educational path of the candidate.

Mr. Bingham reported on letter of invitation sent to Bishops and Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Western Kansas, West Missouri and Nebraska relating to a joint discernment process among the Diocese of Kansas and these three dioceses as outlined in the report of the 2014 Task Force to Reimagine the Episcopal Church. The invitation was received positively and Mr. Bingham expects the dialog, which remains to be defined, to focus on collaboration. There was some discussion about the composition of the discernment group and a consensus that it should include a Bishop and an additional representative selected by each Diocese and, at Fr. Funston's suggestion, the Rev. Don Compier, Dean of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

There followed a discussion of whether it would be appropriate to include observers from the other Dioceses on the Search and Transition Committees for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas. Mr. Flynn, Fr. Funston, Deacon Matney, Fr. O'Connor and Fr. Demo agreed to serve on a committee to craft a job description for the TREC discernment committee.

At 12:10 p.m. Mr. Howard led the Council of Trustees in An Order of Service for Noonday, after which the Council of Trustees recessed for lunch with prayer.

The Council of Trustees reconvened at 12:55 p.m. Ms. Schlabach provided an event calendar for youth activities for 2017-18. She noted that summer interns for youth ministry would be Dillon Green, who has been the Campus Ministry intern at KSU and Katie Knoll Lenon, a seminarian from the Diocese. Both are more experienced than typical summer interns. She noted that MegaCamp registrations are at about 25% of capacity and staffing is ahead of schedule. Nine youth, a college student and three adults will be attending the Episcopal Youth Event July 10-14, 2017, in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Mr. Howard noted that the Southeast Convocation has four parishes without priests and requested consideration of licensure of lay ministers for distribution of reserved sacrament. Fr. Mays stated that he has talked with convocation deans about reconstituting the Commission on Liturgy, Arts and Music, which could consider this request. He will request volunteers of nominees to serve.

Canon Lightcap presented the clergy transition ministry report:

- St. Peter's, Pittsburg – Profile published; continues exploration of a Methodist relationship and new possibility of working with a rostered ELCA pastor.
- St. John's, Wichita – Rector search underway; profile published.
- St. Andrew's, Derby – Congregation engaging in self-study and profile development.
- St. Luke's, Wamego – Rector search underway; position advertised.

He noted the challenge that three of the four parishes in the search process are looking for a candidate to fill a part-time position.

Canon Lightcap also reported:

- Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, will be in Kansas City and Springfield, Missouri, May 5, 6 and 7 for “Awakening the Spirit” events. Registration is encouraged for those who plan to attend.
- Ms. Jennifer Allen had Bishop Wolfe’s support to apply to the Seminary of the Southwest, Virginia Theological Seminary, Sewanee and General Theological Seminary, New York. After discussion, Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Fr. Demo, that the Council of Trustees, as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, encourage her to apply to any of the four seminaries. The motion carried without dissent with Mrs. Doll abstaining.

Fr. Mays reported that the Rt. Rev. Michael P. Milliken, Bishop of Western Kansas, has signed a letter of agreement with the Diocese of Kansas and, pursuant to its terms and the invitation of the Council of Trustees, will be acting as Assisting Bishop for the Diocese of Kansas during the period of transition.

Fr. Funston reported for the Committee on Nominations for Search and Transition Committees for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas. The Committee has received nominees from both clergy and lay orders in each Convocation of the Diocese. There followed a discussion of several issues:

- Whether members of the Council of Trustees should serve on either committee.
- How should each committee be structured?
- Who should appoint chairs for each committee? It was agreed that the Council of Trustees should appoint the Search and Transition Committee chairs.

Mr. Flynn, Fr. Funston, Fr. O'Connor, Deacon Matney, Mrs. LaRue and Mthr. Lewis were designated as a working group to recommend the composition of Search and Transition Committees to the Council of Trustees, with a target date of April 26, 2016.

Fr. Mays presented a letter request from Mr. Scott Zaremba, President of the Board of Trustees of Bishop Seabury Academy, to authorize amendments to governing documents for Bishop Seabury Academy that would cause it not to qualify under Canon IV.1 and give it more autonomy. There was a consensus that the request should be honored within the limits of governing statutes, regulations and canons. Mthr. Billman moved, seconded by Mrs. Doll to approve the request. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and a task force of Fr. Funston, Fr. O'Connor and Mrs. LaRue was appointed to review governing regulations of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, General Canons and Canons of the Diocese (with assistance as appropriate from the Chancellor) and make a recommendation to the Council of Trustees.

Fr. Mays identified several persons embarking on the discernment process with a view to ordination. He noted that John Desper, St. Luke's Parish, Wamego, is likely to relocate to another Diocese for employment purposes, in which case he would have to restart the process. Three others have identified themselves:

- Mary Donovan, Trinity Parish, Lawrence (priesthood)
- Don Morrow, St. Andrews's Parish, Derby (priesthood)
- Carolyn Garwood, St. Paul's Parish, Clay Center (vocational diaconate)

After discussion, Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mr. Howard, that the Council of Trustees, as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, approve Mary Donovan and Don Morrow as nominees for the priesthood and Carolyn Garwood as a nominee for the vocational diaconate to begin the Convocational discernment process. The motion carried unanimously.

At Fr. Mays' request, the Council of Trustees recessed to executive session at 2:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters in its capacity as Ecclesiastical Authority for the Diocese. The Council of Trustees returned from executive session at 2:55 p.m. There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with an Easter acclamation and response.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk