

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

June 21, 2017

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at Upton Hall, Bethany Place, Topeka, Kansas, on June 21, 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. A. Patrick K. Funston
Mr. Scott Howard
Mrs. Margaret LaRue
The Rev. Laurie Lewis
Deacon Rex Matney
The Rev. Andrew O'Connor

Members of the Council of Trustees absent were:

The Rev. Gar Demo
Mr. Stephen Mann

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
The Rev. Betty Glover, Campus Missioner
Ms. Karen Schlabach, Youth Missioner
The Rev. George Wiley, Canon Pastor
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications

Fr. Mays presented the Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2017. Mrs. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Fr. Mays presented the Resolution of June 8, 2017, adopted by email. Mthr.

Billman moved, seconded by Mr. Dutra, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Currie presented the budgeted financial statement for May 31, 2017. He noted that apportionments for most parishes are current or close to current. He reviewed delinquent apportionments and noted that he does not anticipate changes from his prior projections. He noted variances in several expenditure items due primarily to timing. There followed a discussion of the timing of apportionment payments by various parishes.

Mr. Bingham reported that the Building Committee met last Wednesday. A Certificate of Occupancy is expected for the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry space by the end of June. The Chancellor and representatives of the Cathedral are working on a joint use agreement for the space under construction. Construction progress is on track, with construction draws to date at 32% of budget. The Diocese will need to borrow funds by year end to cover construction costs pending receipt of outstanding pledges.

Mr. Bingham reported for the Finance Committee:

- He presented a draft Mission Plan for 2018. The apportionment amount reflected in the draft is based on the three-year average currently in effect, but his recommendation for this item under the proposed revision to Canon IV.2 would be the same amount. He noted on page 4 an operating fund reserve in the amount of \$84,000 which is actually a reserve for uncollectable apportionments. Mrs. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Flynn that this item be changed to Reserve for Uncollectable Apportionments and moved to the revenue section of the budget. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bingham noted on page 2 of the proposed Mission Plan an increase of \$9,000 for Campus Ministry Interns to provide for an intern with community building skills at Canterbury House at the University of Kansas for one year. He noted on page 5 the inclusion of anticipated search expenses under Office of the Bishop and that the excess of revenues over expenditures in this category would be earmarked as a reserve for the search for a bishop. He noted that there would be no expenditure in 2018 for internships for recent seminary graduates.

The Council of Trustees recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Bingham continued his report. Mr. Mann joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Discussion of the Mission Plan continued:

- There was a discussion about the Hispanic Ministry line item. Mrs. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Flynn that this line be modified to National Church Mission Enterprise Zone (St. Paul's, Kansas City). The motion carried with 11 affirmative votes and one abstention. There was a consensus that the proposed Mission Plan as modified in the discussion should be distributed for discussion by delegates in pre-convention meetings.
- Mr. Bingham presented the proposed modification to the apportionment canon (IV.2). The primary change would be to base apportionment for each parish on Parochial Report "Box A" revenue for the latest year of record. The change would be effective for 2018 and subsequent years. Some additional language made superfluous by this change would also be removed. Mr. Flynn presented a

request from the Vestry of St. James, Wichita, that the three-year average method be continued with maximum effective apportionment rate not to exceed 17%. After discussion, Fr. Funston moved, seconded by Mr. Dutra to accept the proposed amendment to Canon IV.2 for presentation to the 158th Convention. The motion carried with 11 affirmative votes with Mr. Flynn abstaining.

Fr. O'Connor, as Vice Chair of the Commission on Ministry presented nominees for postulancy.

- Mthr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mthr. Billman to admit Charles Durland, St. Paul's, Coffeyville, to postulancy for the diaconate. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mrs. LaRue moved, seconded by Mr. Flynn to admit Mary Donovan, Trinity, Lawrence, to postulancy for the priesthood. The motion carried unanimously.

At 12:00 noon, Mrs. LaRue led the Council of Trustees in An Order for Service at Noonday, after which the Council recessed with prayer by Canon Lightcap for lunch. The Council of Trustees reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Ms. Schlabach presented a written report on MegaCamp and commented briefly on the camp's success. Next weekend will be the Guys Only Weekend at St. Margaret's, Lawrence, and the Girls Only Weekend at Trinity Lawrence. The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in July 10-14 at Edmond, Oklahoma and the Mission Wichita event will be July 25-30.

Fr. O'Connor reported that the Bishop Seabury Academy Committee is engaged in continuing conversations with the President and Board of Trustees of Bishop Seabury Academy. Fr. Funston presented his written report as the Bishop's Proxy to the Bishop Seabury Academy Board. Mr. LaRue concurred that the committee is working on a structure for the relationship between the Diocese and Bishop Seabury Academy in the context of its Episcopal identity.

Mthr. Billman reported on the planned Southeast Convocation regional confirmation scheduled for December 2, 2017, and requested that parishes identify expected confirmands.

Canon Lightcap reported on transition ministry:

- St. Peter's, Pittsburg, has published its profile and welcomes applicants for its part-time clerical position.
- St. John's, Wichita, is interviewing candidates.
- St. Andrew's, Derby, is developing its profile.
- St. Luke's, Wamego, is interviewing candidates.
- St. Michael and All Angels, Mission, has begun its search for an interim pastor.

Canon Lightcap reported that the Rev. Charles Everson, who has been serving as an assistant at St. Luke's, Shawnee, has discerned a call to St. Mary's, Kansas City, MO, in the Diocese of West Missouri. Fr. O'Connor moved, seconded by Mr. Mann, that the Council of Trustees, as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, affirm the call, but allow Fr. Everson to remain canonically resident in the Diocese of Kansas. The motion carried unanimously. Canon Lightcap also reported that the Rev. Ann Hallisey, consultant to the Diocesan Search and Transition Committees, plans to meet with Diocesan staff tomorrow.

Fr. Mays noted the listening sessions scheduled by the Search Committee in each convocation on July 8 and July 15 and that he hoped that members of the Council of Trustees would participate. He also presented a timetable provided by the Rev. Hallisey for the Standing Committee.

Fr. Mays suggested six members for the Liturgy, Arts & Music Commission to make recommendations on the distribution of Holy Communion in the absence of available clergy and to provide liturgical resources in a changing liturgical climate. Mrs. LaRue moved, seconded by Fr. Funston, to affirm the suggested committee composition. The motion carried unanimously. Fr. O'Connor suggested an addition to the committee.

Fr. Funston presented a request from members of his parish for a marriage judgment. After discussion, it was determined that this is an appropriate ecclesiastical function for an actual bishop. Mthr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Dutra that this request be referred for action to Bishop Milliken.

Fr. O'Connor noted that the Very Rev. Steve Lipscomb has chaired the Commission on Ministry for five years and wishes to be relieved due to other professional and personal obligations. Mthr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Dutra to designate Fr. O'Connor as chair of the Commission on Ministry. The motion carried with 11 affirmative votes with Fr. O'Connor abstaining. The Council agreed unanimously to commend Fr. Lipscomb's service as COM Chair and express the Council's gratitude for excellent work in this capacity.

Fr. Mays reported that the request for discernment discussions among the Dioceses of Kansas, West Missouri, Western Kansas and Nebraska was warmly received and that a representative group will be convened by the Rev. Dr. Don Compier, in his capacity as Dean of Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

Fr. Mays suggested that the Council of Trustees would receive a report on the Hispanic Ministry effort of St. Paul's, Kansas City, at its August meeting.

The council of trustees recessed at 2:25 p.m. and reconvened to recess to Executive Session from 2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. Upon reconvening, Fr. Mays requested that members of the Council of Trustees volunteer for Search and Transition Committee projects listed on an easel in the meeting room.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Fr. Mays adjourned the meeting with prayer.

L. Franklin Taylor, Clerk