

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

June 20, 2018

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc. met at the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry Conference Room, Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas, on June 20, 2018. The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President, convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. with prayer.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

The Very Rev. Foster Mays, President
The Rev. Sharon Billman
Mr. Todd Allison
Mrs. Elizabeth Doll
Deacon Suzi Drury
Mr. Jack Dutra
Mr. Tim Flynn
The Very Rev. A. Patrick K. Funston-arrived at 10:20 a.m.
Mr. Scott Howard
The Very Rev. Laurie Lewis
Mr. Stephan Mann
Deacon Rex Matney
The Rev. Andrew O'Connor
Mrs. Myrline Winkler

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
Mrs. Melodie Woerman, Director of Communications
The Rev. George Wiley, Canon Pastor
Mr. Jay Currie, Comptroller
Ms. Karen Schlabach, Youth Missioner, Interim Campus Missioner
Mrs. Michael Funston, Associate for Youth and Campus Ministry, Member of the Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas.
The Rev. Mary Siegmund, Co-Chair of the Transition Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas.
The Rev. Casey Rohleder, Co-Chair of the Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas.
Ms Diana Waddell-Gilbert, Co-Chair of the Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas
Mrs. Nancy Kelly, Member of the Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas.
Archdeacon Charles Pierce, Member of the Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Kansas.

Fr. Mays presented the Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2018. Deacon Rex Matney moved, Mr. Jack Dutra seconded the minutes of May 16, 2018 be approved with one correction on page one to change Acting to Assisting. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Mays called on Mr. Jay Currie for the Treasurer's report. He informed the Council that to obtain a Diocesan Credit Card, for Karen Schlabach, a corporate resolution is required. Mthr. Laurie Lewis moved, and Mr. Jack Dutra seconded, that President Foster Mays, and Deputy Clerk, Sharon Billman be authorized to sign the resolution today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Curry reported that Trinity, Atchison have paid their full apportionment. St. Paul's, Kansas City, none received; St. Paul's, Leavenworth, goal is to pay 90% by year end; and St. John's, Wichita, none received.

He has still made no draw on the Diocesan Endowment this year. Other expenses are generally on track except for timing issues.

Fr. Mays presented a request from the Diocese of Bethlehem for consent to the election of The Reverend Kevin Nichols as Bishop Diocesan. Mr. Stephen Mann moved, Mr. Todd Allison seconded, that the Council of Trustees, acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of The Reverend Kevin Nichols as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Bethlehem. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Mays presented a request from the Diocese of the Rio Grande for consent to the election of The Rev'd Canon Michael Buerkel Hunn as Bishop Diocesan. Mr. Jack Dutra moved, Deacon Rex Matney seconded, that the Council of Trustees, acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of The Reverend Canon Michael Buerkel Hunn as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Rio Grande. Motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Mays presented a request from the Diocese of Newark for consent to the election of The Reverend Carlye J. Hughes as Bishop Diocesan. Fr. O'Connor moved, Mthr. Lewis seconded, that the Council of Trustees, acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of The Reverend Carlye J. Hughes as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Newark. Motion carried unanimously.

The Reverend Mary Siegmund, Co-chair of the Transition Committee presented the Ordination and Consecration weekend schedule. After discussion, Mthr Lewis moved, Mr Allison seconded, motion carried unanimously. Schedule of the Walkabouts was discussed, and Mike Morrow will need a Diocesan Credit Card for expenses incurred during them. Protocols for the electing convention are in the early stages.

The Council went into Executive Session at 10: 40 a.m. and came out at 12:05 p.m.

The Reverend Casey Rohleder, and Ms. Diana Waddell-Gilbert, Co-Chairs of the Search Committee advised that one of the candidates had just withdrawn their name. They then presented the remaining names that would be on the slate. Deacon Rex Matney moved, Mr. Jack Dutra seconded the slate of candidates, as presented by the search committee be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs Myline Winkler led the Council of Trustees in the Order of Service for Noonday after which the Council of Trustees recessed for lunch. The Council reconvened at 12:50 p.m. Assisting Bishop Michael Milliken joined the meeting.

Finance Committee report was given by Mr. Jay Currie. Waiting on the final billing from MarLan before the loan can be finalized. He reported that some pledges have been received which will reduce the loan against the life insurance policy.

Mr. Currie then presented the 2019 Proposed Mission Plan. After discussion it was decided to list a breakout of salaries as had been requested. Mthr. Sharon Billman moved, Mrs. Elizabeth Doll seconded, the 2019 Proposed Preliminary Mission Plan be distributed to parishes, the clergy and delegates for their feedback prior to the August COT meeting when the 2019 Mission Plan will be finalized. Motion carried unanimously.

Estimated Bishop Transition Expenses were distributed, with discussion following.

A Task Force, consisting of Canon Torey Lightcap, Deacon Suzi Drury, Mthr. Laurie Lewis, Deacon Rex Matney, and Mr. Scott Howard was appointed to study clergy support for deacons and bi-vocational priests studying at BKSM. Fr. Don Compier will also be asked to serve on this task force.

The Council of Trustees were on break from 2:05 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

Karen Schlabach presented a report on Mega Camp. Seventeen youth have signed up for Mission Wichita. Karen and Michael Funston, and several youth going to General Convention.

Deacon Charles Pierce presented his Letter of Resignation, upon reaching the age of 72 as required by title III, Canon 7, Section 7 of the Constitution and Canons 2015 of the Episcopal Church. Several moved and seconded to accept his resignation. Deacon Charles then asked to be reassigned to all ministries, for 12 months, in which he was serving prior to resigning. Fr. O'Connor moved, Mrs. Doll seconded he be reassigned to the ministries the Council of Trustees, acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority have the authority to reassign. Motion carried unanimously.

Deacon Suzi Drury presented a request from Deacon Deborah Burns to be assigned to Trinity, Lawrence. After some discussion her request was tabled until the August meeting.

Fr. Mays reported the next step to dissolve St. Matthew's in Cedarvale is the approval to execute a quitclaim deed, so the property can be put on the market. Mthr. Laurie Lewis moved, Mr. Jack Dutra seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

Clergy Transition Report and other reports were given by The Canon to the Ordinary, Torey Lightcap.

◆ St. Andrew's, Derby-vestry has signed a Letter of Agreement for The Rev. Mike Loyd to serve as Priest-In-charge, and are awaiting his consultation and signature. Since there won't be a July meeting of the Council, an email vote to affirm his Letter of Agreement may be asked for later in July.

◆ Church of the Epiphany, Independence and Church of the Ascension, Neodesha are talking with The Rev. Evan Ash about providing Holy Eucharist once per month for these congregations as well as for St. Paul's, Coffeyville.

◆ St. Peter's, Pittsburg still actively searching for a part time priest. The Rev. David Jenkins to visit June 23 and 24.

◆ St. Michael's and All Angels, Mission are presently administering the Church Assessment Tool and starting cottage-conversation type groups to gather both qualitative and quantitative information to develop a parish profile form.

◆ Church of the Covenant, Junction City beginning the Church Assessment Tool.

◆ Grace, Chanute The Rev. Joyce Holmes will retire effective October 7. Senior Warden Jep Haynes and Canon Lightcap have been in conversation about next steps.

◆ Grace Cathedral, Topeka-Council will be asked to empower Foster Mays to sign a Letter of Agreement today with The Rev. Nicolette Papanek to serve as Interim Pastor. Fr. Funston moved, Mr Dutra seconded for Foster Mays to sign a Letter of Agreement today with The Rev. Nicolette Papanek to serve as Interim Pastor at Grace Cathedral beginning September 15, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

◆ Approve to place Kathryn Swain at St. Jude's, Wellington, upon her ordination to the transitional diaconate for a one-year term of intern service. Mthr. Laurie Lewis moved, Mrs. Elizabeth Doll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Canon Pastor, George Wiley shared he had sent cards to those clergy retiring. He then offered the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The Rev. Sharon L. Billman, Deputy Clerk