

EDEO Diocesan Council
Minutes
April 6-7, 2018
Trinity Episcopal Church, Bend

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2018

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green (SC)

Karly Nash

Vicki Mosier

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Class of 2019

Mary Link (SC)

Beth Spell

Adrienne Brown

Class of 2020

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Gregg Henton (SC)

Barbara Mayo

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

James Foster, Chancellor

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Kim McClain, Exec. Dir. Ascension School

Absent

The Rev. Jed Holdorff (SC)

The Rev. Mary Lujan (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Friday

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm. Council members introduced themselves, Bishop Pat gave a reading from Philippians and Beth opened with a prayer from the book Prayers for Daily Use.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2018 Council Meeting

M/S/C

*Motion to approve the January 27, 2018 Diocesan Council minutes.
(Vicki Mosier, Adrienne Brown)*

Province VIII Representatives to General Convention

M/S/C

Resolved that Kim McClain, Terry Rahmsdorff, and The Rev. Roy Green will be the representatives from EDEO to attend the Province VIII meeting at the 2018 General Convention and will report back to council on the matters discussed at that meeting. (Doug Harder, Vicki Mosier)

Bisbee Grant Committee Update

Adrienne Brown gave an update on the status of the gift from Mr. Lee, Church of the Transfiguration in Sisters, to St. Andrew's, Burns to assist with completion of their furnace project. Mr. Lee will be talking with Charlie Cagle from St. Andrew's about some specifics and will then determine the amount of his donation to the project. Adrienne will continue to keep in contact with the parties. Council directed Lisa to disburse \$7158.00 from the Bisbee fund to St. Andrew's to assist with the completion of the project.

Financial Report -Randy Heise

2017 Year End Report

Randy reviewed the year end numbers for 2017, which showed that the diocese ended the year with a small surplus. The numbers reflect a change in the way that prior year assessments are recorded. In the past assessments received in January for the prior year were included in the current year, a change in the accounting procedures now shows those assessments in the year for which they were intended. The 2017 final numbers include prior year assessments from 2016 as well as all of 2017 assessments – there will be no prior year assessments recorded in 2018.

Fund Update and Review

Randy presented the list of funds and explained that many funds have been made inactive. The need for many of the funds became obsolete when the accounting system was switched over to QuickBooks.

Wells Fargo Report

Randy went over the status of the Wells Fargo endowed funds and the non-endowed funds. Discussion was had regarding how the moving of the Cohn Fund to the Endowed Funds section was presented and Randy indicated that he would adjust the spreadsheet to more accurately show the move.

Supper was served at 6:00pm

Update on Congregations: Transitions, Facilities, and Ministries

Nancy Sargent Green gave an update on All Saints of the Cascades/Sunriver Christian Fellowship. Bishop Carey, Bishop of the Diocese of Baker, has offered his preferred plan to sell both Holy Trinity Catholic Church and Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in La Pine. He would like to blend the 2 congregations. They are undergoing a feasibility study as to that possibility. There is significant pushback from Catholic members. The lease of SCF is valid as written until Dec 31, 2019. SCF will work on future options.

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- Lee Kiefer updated the council on the search status for several congregations.
 - St. Mark's, Hood River has entered into a new search and has increased the salary package in hopes of attracting more candidates.
 - St. Peter's, La Grande voted to combine congregations with the local Lutheran church and will enter into a joint search for a priest/pastor.
 - St. Matthew's, Ontario is still in the search process but has signed an LOA with a priest from the Diocese of Idaho who will provide supply two times per month.
- Bishop Pat has plans to visit several seminaries in the coming months to possibly speak with future graduates and staff about EDEO and the possibilities available here for clergy.

Ascension School Report – Kim McClain

Kim McClain gave an update on the status of Ascension School. April 1st marked the one-year anniversary of her employment as the Executive Director. She has implemented monthly reports to the advisory board as well as utility cost saving measures. She is focusing on trying to entice other groups to start using Ascension School, including trying to become a certified site for Outdoor School. The theme for summer camp is focused on building compassion and Adult Ed with Wendy Farley ties in with the theme nicely. The preliminary site assessment came back and while there are many issues, the only building of real concern so far is Paddock Hall, which may have occupancy issues that could affect its use during summer camp. She is waiting to get more details from the firm that is doing the assessment work.

Bishop's Report

Diocesan Convention

The Bishop reported that the convention committee is hard at work on the planning of 2018's diocesan convention, which will be held at the Hood River Inn in Hood River on October 19-20. There is building excitement around the keynote speaker, Dwight Zcheile. He encouraged council to seek out Rev. Zcheile's videos on You Tube to get a sense of what they can expect from him. Also more information will be added to the website regarding convention details.

House of Bishops

Bishop Pat discussed his time at the spring House of Bishop's meeting. Among the many issues discussed were evangelism, transformation, gun violence, and sexual harassment.

Diocesan Dreaming

Council revisited some of the discussion around diocesan dreaming from the November 2017 retreat. Bishop Pat recommended that council visit reclaimingjesus.org, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's document regarding reclaiming the gospel message.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for the evening at 7:45.

Saturday

Call to Order

The meeting resumed at 8:10am.

Financial Report, cont.

Randy Heise provided a revised spreadsheet on the endowed accounts to show the addition of the Cohn Fund in a separate location. There was also a discussion regarding the addition of \$40,000 that had previously been transferred to the Cohn fund and whether or not that had been the proper thing to do.

M/S/C *Motion to move 40,000 from the Cohn fund back to the Madras Fund
(Doug Harder, Adrienne Brown)*

Chancellor Jim Foster will draft a policy regarding protocol for funds that are received by the diocese when a congregation closes in a community or sells property. It was noted that a policy manual for these types of matters is needed.

Bishop's Report continued

Missio! Engage Update

Bishop Pat asked council to break into small groups and discuss their thoughts on the Missio! Engage program and to report back to the group. The consensus was that this is not a program that the diocese should engage in at this time, but instead the focus should be on the ministry work already being done in EDEO.

IONA Update

The Bishop reported that he had signed the agreement with the Diocese of Idaho to create the High Desert School of Ministry. Classes will start sometime in the fall and Ascension School will be the site of monthly gatherings for those involved in the curriculum. Each diocese is currently identifying mentors and since EDEO is providing the site, the Diocese of Idaho will appoint the dean. This helps to cement the growing cooperation between the two dioceses. Currently EDEO has two people who are formally in the discernment process for ordination and there are several others identified. Bishop Pat will be attending the annual gathering of IONA partners in July right after General Convention and hopes to discuss ways of opening up this opportunity to those who may not be in the process or already ordained.

New Congregation/Grace Chapel (Jim Mosier)

Jim Mosier reported on the progress of Grace Chapel, the proposed new EDEO congregation located in the Snake River Correctional Institute. The recommendation is that they be considered a parochial parish, which means that it is an outreach from a particular congregation, in this case St. Matthew's in Ontario. This is the preferred designation of the Department of Corrections. St. Matthew's voted unanimously in favor of this relationship. Jim shared a document signed by the members of Grace Chapel indicating their desire as well. This will be brought as a formal request to the diocese at Convention in October.

Bishop Pat asked council to consider how the new parish will be represented and present in the diocese; including issues of licensing, policy, formation, confirmation, budgeting, and other issues that could arise from these special circumstances.

General Convention

EDEO's General Convention delegates and Bishop Pat will meet in Bend on June 4th to discuss some significant issues that are coming up at General Convention.

Next Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for August 24 and 25 at Ascension School. The fall council retreat was moved to November 2-4 at Ascension School, with the possibility of that changing to November 1-3 instead.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at