

**EDEO Diocesan Council**  
**August 7-8, 2015**  
**Bend, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

**PRESENT:**

The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera

**Class of 2015**

Ann Havill, S/C  
Karly Nash

**Class of 2017**

The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe  
The Rev. Jed Holdorph, S/C  
Kim McClain, S/C  
Bill Taylor  
Marjorie Thelen

**Ex-Officio**

Jerry Frazier, Treasurer  
Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

**ABSENT**

The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, S/C  
Kim Mosier, Chancellor  
Neva DeMayo  
The Rev. Dan Lediard  
Beth Spell

**Class of 2016**

Charlie Cagle, S/C  
The Rev. Anna Carmichael, S/C  
Randy Heise  
The Rev. Kathy Macek

**Seat and Voice**

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council  
Patty Olson-Lindsey, Ascension School Executive Director

**Guests**

The Rev. John Collins  
Ruth Tsu

*Standing Committee met prior to the Diocesan Council meeting.*

**Friday 3:00PM**

**Call to Order**

Kathy Macek called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was amended to include reports from Standing Committee and Environmental Justice Commission

**M/S/C**            *the agenda approved as amended. (Bill Taylor, Doug Harder)*

**Approval of Minutes from May 2015 Meeting**

**M/S/C**            *the minutes approved as presented.*      (Bill Taylor, Charlie Cagle)

## Episcopal Search

John Collins presented a report on the status of the search for the new bishop of EDEO.

- An adjusted timeline was presented.
  - August 7-Submission of 2<sup>nd</sup> round answers due
  - September 12-Skype or in-person interviews (In Bend)
  - October 22-24 – Retreat with semi-finalists at Ascension Camp and Conference Center
  - November 1 – Names of finalists given to Standing Committee
  - November 30 – December 5 –Walk-about in the diocese
  - December 12 – Electing Convention
- 16 nominations were received, 2 withdrew, and the committee has narrowed the candidates to 8.
- Anna Carmichael indicated that the Transition Committee will be in charge of the details and planning of the walk about.
- Petition period will be after the finalists are announced.

## Financial Report

### 2016 Budget

- Jerry Frazier presented the 2016 budget recommended to council by Finance Committee
- The council recommended that a new line be added to the budget called carryover.
- The council determined how to allocate funds to The Environmental Justice Commission, The Commission on Celebrating Diversity, and Disaster Preparedness

**M/S/C**      *to apply \$3000 from line 135 (budget surplus) and allocate to line 76- Disaster Preparedness and to take \$2200 from line 73-Diocesan Council and designate that to line 75-Diocesan Commissions with \$200 allocated the Environmental Justice and \$2000 allocated to Celebrating Diversity.* (Anna Carmichael, Charlie Cagle)

**M/S/C**      *to recommend the 2016 budget to the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention* (Kathy Macek, Karly Nash)

### Retired Clergy Benefit

- Finance Committee recommends that council consider revising the EDEO policy on: Medical Insurance Benefits for Retired Clergy
- Jerry Frazier requested volunteers from council to assist members of finance committee with reviewing this policy. Kathy Macek and Randy Heise volunteered to be part of this committee.

## Reports:

### Environmental Justice

- Kim McClain updated council on the status of the commission. She has a core group of people at parishes that she shares information with. She is hoping to encourage each parish to have an environmental audit, as recommended by General Convention, and will send out information regarding these audits. Province VIII is beginning to research which diocese have this type of commissions in place. This commission will also help the diocese work on divestment strategies, as recommended by General Convention.

### Ascension School

- Patty Lindsey gave a report on success of this year's summer camp program at Ascension School's summer camp as well as the success of Adult Ed with Bishop Curry where over 250 people were present for the revival on Sunday.

## **Commission on Celebrating Diversity**

- Ruth reported on the progress of the committee since its inception. Their current focus is on Native American's and are asking congregations to send in reports on their responses to the resolution from the 2014 diocesan convention. She suggested several books and talked about the different types of work being done outside of the diocese.

## **Standing Committee Report**

- Anna reported on the Standing Committees meeting. She asked for clarification from council that this is an *election* for a diocesan bishop. Council agreed that it is an election.
- Three possible election sites were chosen for the Electing Convention on December 12<sup>th</sup>; Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton, St. Paul's, The Dalles, or Trinity in Bend. Each parish was contacted and agreed to host should they be chosen. A decision was delayed until Saturday.
- Anna contacted the Presiding Bishop's office and requested the following dates as options for the consecration; April 16, April 23, or May 14<sup>th</sup>. A date should be confirmed in November.
- Standing committee is attempting to formalize the transition committee and asked for council to consider who might be willing to serve on this committee and send those suggestions to Anna.
- There was discussion about the timeline for Bishop Nedi's remaining days in the diocese. Bishop Nedi expressed her desire to remain until the consecration of her successor. She stepped out and council discussed the issue

**M/S/C**      *Standing Committee will generate a letter of agreement for Bishop Nedi from the end date of her last LOA through the date of the consecration. (Randy Heise, Bill Taylor)*

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday at 8:00AM

## **Saturday**

### **Eucharist**

The meeting began at 8:00AM with Eucharist.

### **Conclusion of Friday's business**

- Anna Carmichael read a letter she had written to the council. Kathy Macek asked that Lisa send the letter to all members of the council and that they respond privately to Anna.
- Jerry Frazier asked if anyone had questions regarding the budget and reminded the council that they are responsible for explaining it to others should questions arise.
- Patty Lindsey gave an update on the progress of the new building at Ascension School. She is waiting to hear back from 3 contractors regarding bids and will meet with the site committee on August 21<sup>st</sup> to review the proposals.

**M/S/C**      *to select Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton as the location for the 2015 Electing Convention.. (Anna Carmichael, Georgia Giaccobe)*

- December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the alternate date for the electing convention should there be inclement weather.

## **The Future of St. Paul's, Nyssa**

St. Paul's Nyssa is considering closing their parish. They are holding a meeting this week with the city council to explore possible options to see if they could do ministry in a different way and are also in conversation with Bishop Nedi about what options may be open to them. One possibility could be a partnership with St. Matthew's in Ontario who is currently searching for a new rector.

## **Convention Planning Update**

Ascension School Board Membership Resolution

**M/S/C**      *to submit the resolution to convention as presented. (Doug Harder, Kathy Macek)*

- Kathy Macek said that she would attend the October Ascension School board meeting. Doug Harder indicated that if Kathy was unable to attend he would try to be there.

## **Nominating Committee**

**M/S/C**      *that the Nominating Committee be comprised of this year's outgoing Diocesan Council and Standing Committee members.*

- This year's outgoing members are Dan Lediard, Ted Rodrigues, Ann Havill, and Karla Nash
- Names of potential nominees may be given to any of the members of the committee.
- Jerry Frazier indicated that he will be retiring from his position as Diocesan Treasurer when Bishop Nedi retires.

## **Resolutions Committee**

- Doug Harder will serve as chair of the resolutions committee. The other members are: Kim McClain, Ann Marie Hardin, Fabian Baker, Joel Bigelow, Jim Spell and Anna Carmichael.
- This committee will also serve as tellers at convention.
- The November Diocesan Council meeting agenda will include an item to review the resolutions that General Convention has asked dioceses to consider, particularly the diocesan policy on alcohol, including how it deals with supporting clergy dealing with alcohol and addiction issues.

## **Offering Designation**

**M/S/C**      *to designate the diocesan half of the convention offering to Navajoland and to designate the 2015 MDG's to ERD's Cary the Water campaign. (Jed Holdorph, Doug Harder)*

## **2016 and 2017 Diocesan Convention Locations**

- St. Peter's, La Grande will host 2016's convention.

**M/S/C**      *Pending approval and acceptance the 2017 diocesan convention will be held at Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters. (Karly Nash, Ann Havill)*

- Randy Heise will check on Sunriver as a possible back up location for 2017 or possibly the 2018 Convention.
- The November Diocesan Council agenda will include an item on how convention is hosted and by whom.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48am