

EDEO Diocesan Council
August 4-5, 2017
St. Matthew's, Ontario

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2017

The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe

Class of 2018

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Julie S. Reynolds (SC) via phone

Vicki Mosier

Class of 2019

Adrienne Brown

The Rev. Mary Lujan (SC)

Mary Link (SC)

Beth Spell

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Treasurer

James Foster, Chancellor

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Kim McClain, Executive Director, Ascension School

Absent

Bill Taylor

Marjorie Thelen

Karly Nash

The Rev. Jed Holdorph (SC)

The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green (SC)

A Standing Committee Meeting preceded the Diocesan Council Meeting

5:00pm Executive Session

Diocesan Council met in Executive Session with Chancellor Jim Foster to discuss legal matters.

6:00PM Dinner

Standing Committee reconvened at 6:00pm for a conference call.

Call to Order

Beth Spell called the regular session to order at 6:45 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes from April 2017 Meeting

M/S/C *Motion to approve the minutes from April 28-29, 2017 Diocesan Council Meeting.*

(Adrienne Brown, Mary Lujan)

COM Report

IONA Initiative

Bishop Pat discussed the IONA Initiative that had been presented at the April Diocesan Council Meeting. The Commission on Ministry had sent a letter to Diocesan Council recommending the program for the Diocese and Marilyn Roth and Diane Adams had attended the IONA Conference in July to review programs and learn more about how it can benefit EDEO. EDEO will be combining resources with the Diocese of Idaho and possibly the Diocese of Utah which will help offset some of the costs of the program. In addition to IONA the hope is to offer access to the online program offered by Seminary of the Southwest. The program is scheduled to be implemented by the first of June 2018.

Adjournment

Council adjourned at 7:30 until Saturday morning at 8:00AM.

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Bishop Pat called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

Financial Report

Diocesan Treasurer, Randy Heise led the discussion on the following financial issues.

Travel Policy update

The current travel reimbursement policy for volunteers in EDEO was reviewed. A committee was formed to create a new policy to present to Diocesan Council at the November Council retreat in Cove. The committee members are Randy Heise, Adrienne Brown, Mary Link, and Aletha Bonebrake.

M/S/C Motion to have EDEO cover the lodging costs of Diocesan Council members for the August 4-5 meeting. (Aletha Bonebrake, Mary Link)

Reimbursement Form

Council was given the EDEO reimbursement form with updated per diem amounts.

Diocesan Future Planning Committee (Financial Planning)

Randy reported that Finance Committee had recommended forming a committee to help with creating a Strategic Plan for the future of EDEO. Council discussed the formation of a committee or the possibility of hiring someone to facilitate a plan. The Council decided that the focus of the retreat in November would be strategic planning and other business would be handled via online meetings, dates to be determined.

Invested Funds Transfers

M/S/C Motion to draw 5 percent from the 20 quarter rolling average for the 2017 and 2018 budget years. (Georgia Giacobbe, Aletha Bonebrake)

Sustainability Goals for 2017

M/S/C Motion to support Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon with the 2017 SDG funds. (Beth Spell and Vicki Mosier)

2018 Budget

Randy presented the proposed 2018 budget. He is going to do some research regarding income from past years to determine if the proposed income is based on the 22.5 and the 25 percent assessment or just the 22.5 percent. Health care costs were also discussed and Aletha offered to work with Lisa on researching ways that the diocese could save money on those costs.

M/S/C Motion to approve the transfer of funds from the Ministry Development and Strategic Development Funds to the operating fund for 2018 budget. (Vicki Mosier, Adrienne Brown)

M/S/C Motion to submit the proposed 2018 budget to Convention with an amendment to change line 22 from \$43,600 to \$45,000 which alters line 31 to read \$471,100.00 (Mary Lujan, Mary Link)

Standing Committee Report

Mary Lujan reported that Standing Committee had reviewed property issues and approved the ordination of Marilyn Roth to the priesthood on September 9th in The Dalles.

Ascension School Report

Kim McClain reported that there were 43 people at the Labor of Love weekend at Ascension School and 184 campers attended camp this year. The first backpacking camp was successful and they hope to expand on that next year. Her goal, now that camp is complete, is to focus on marketing and future planning. She is still finalizing the 2018 budget and is concerned by the number of maintenance issues and equipment replacements that have occurred this year and how to plan for that in next year's budget.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Pat thanked Kim McClain for her hard work thus far in her position as Executive Director of Ascension School. He updated council that former Ascension School Executive Director Patty Lindsey has accepted a position as the new Executive Director of the Episcopal Service Corp.

The Bishop reviewed Project Resource and asked council to provide him with names of the people from the diocese who would be interested in attending the conference in April of 2018. 2 Clergy and 2 Lay are eligible to go. Several members came up with names and would be sending their contact information to the bishop.

There is a group of people that are working on proposal to form a congregation within the Snake River Correctional Institute, as well as to expand on the ministries that are provided to the families of those who are incarcerated. Such a plan would have to come before council and convention to be approved.

He spoke briefly about the ordination of Marilyn Roth and reported that Dan Lediard had resigned as rector of St. John's in Hermiston. He is planning a Staff Retreat in September with Michelle Meech, to be held in Baker City August 6-8, 2017.

Next year's Adult Education leader will be author Wendy Farley and the event will be held the 3rd weekend in August.

The keynote speaker for the 2018 Diocesan Convention will be Stephanie Spellars, Canon for Evangelism in the Presiding Bishop's office.

Convention Planning Update

Convention Theme

Welcoming the Stranger: Practicing Radical Hospitality

Convention Committee Update

Lisa gave a short update on the new convention committee. The members of the committee are Roy Green, Marilyn Roth, Flossie Keeler, Linda Quinn, Patti Knollman, and Bill Brisson.

Schedule/Workshop Update

A draft schedule was handed out to Council. Adjustments have been made to the schedule to reflect the desire of attendees for more time to be in community.

Offering Designation

The council discussed how to designate future convention offerings with the change in the way in which convention is hosted. It was suggested that an appeal be sent out to the entire diocese prior to the next convention asking for suggestions of recipients of the offering.

*M/S/C Motion to designate the 2017 Convention offering to Family Kitchen.
(Charlotte Wells, Adrienne Brown)*

Resolutions Committee

The bishop reviewed 2 of the possible resolutions that he proposed at the April meeting. After conferring with the EDEO Chancellor, Jim Foster, he has decided not to propose the changing of the name of the Ascension School Board. He has also decided to present the subject of the Lay Certification numbers at convention for discussion but not to present it in the form of a resolution.

Tellers

The following people will be tellers at Convention:

Adrienne Brown

Aletha Bonebrake

Mary Lujan

Vicki Mosier

Jim Spell

Nominations

The outgoing members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee are the Nominations Committee. The following positions are up for re-election:

Standing Committee – 1 Clergy and 1 Lay

Diocesan Council – 1 Clergy and 2 Lay

Outgoing Council and Standing Committee members

The following members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council were recognized for their service to EDEO:

The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe—DC

Kim McClain-SC

Rev. Jed Holdorph – SC

Bill Taylor-DC

Marjorie Thelen-DC

New Business

Kim McClain was excused from the meeting and the council voted on the following motions stemming from the discussions in the Executive Session.

M/S/C Motion to commission EDEO Chancellor, Jim Foster, to draft a resolution from Diocesan Council to Convention requesting authority of Tish Croom's estate funds be given to Diocesan Council. (Aletha Bonebrake, Mary Link)

M/S/C Motion to rescind the offer of a \$50,000 loan to Kim McClain from Tish Croom's estate funds based on a misreading of the intent of the will. (Doug Harder, Beth Spell)

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.