

EDEO Proposed Diocesan Council
Draft Minutes of the Meeting
August 24-25, 2018
Cove, Oregon

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2018

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green (SC)

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Class of 2019

The Rev. Mary Lujan (SC)

Mary Link (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Beth Spell

Class of 2020

The Rev. Jed Holdorph (SC)

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Gregg Henton (SC)

Barbara Mayo

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Lee Kiefer, Canon for Transition Ministry

Absent

Adrienne Brown

Karly Nash

Vicki Mosier

James Foster, Chancellor

Friday

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Bishop called for an Executive Session.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes from April 2018 Meeting

M/S/C

Motion to approve the April 6-7, 2018 Diocesan Council minutes.

Regular Session

Regular session began at 7:15 p.m.

COM Report

High Desert School for Ministry (HDSM)

The Bishop gave an update on the status of the High Desert School for Ministry. The project is ready to go but the start date is currently undecided. Bishop Pat shared a sign that Armand Larvie created for the HDSM, and council showed great appreciation for this contribution.

Candidates and Postulants

Canon Lee Kiefer updated the council on Ann Marie Hardin's progress at CDSP, she will graduate in May of 2019. Aletha Bonebrake updated council on her meetings with Sean Rogers and asked for prayers for Sean at the loss of his father.

Gather Transform Send

There will be a letter going out from COM asking each congregation to bring a Trifold board with them to Convention to represent Gather Transform Send.

General Convention Report

Nancy Green, Jed Holdorff, and Randy Heise shared briefly about their time at General Convention.

Financial Report

Diocesan Future Planning Committee

Randy reported that he will have a proposal regarding this committee ready for consideration at the November Diocesan Council retreat.

Invested Funds

M/S/C *Motion to approve a 5% rolling average from the invested funds for 2019's budget.
(Randy Heise, Gregg Henton)*

Sustainability Goals

Bishop Pat gave a brief history of the origin of the Sustainability Goals budget line (formerly Millennial Development Goals (MDG's) The council discussed the possibility of reallocating those funds to a more local missional or outreach project but no decision was reached. The possibility of using those funds to support Grace Chapel in some way was briefly discussed.

2019 Budget

Randy reviewed the proposed the 2019 budget which includes Ascension School income and expenses.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the transfer of \$12,500 from Ministry formation \$8,100 from the Strategic Development Fund for the 2019 Budget. (Gregg Henton and Charlotte Wells)*

M/S/C *Motion to present the proposed 2019 EDEO Budget to the Diocesan Convention.
(Aletha Bonebrake, Gregg Henton)*

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. until the morning.

Saturday

Call to Order

The Bishop called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Conclusion of Friday's business

Randy Heise gave a report on the Profit & Loss statement, which is currently showing a large deficit. He explained that deficit was due to a large parish being several months behind in their assessment payments and the necessity of having to pay a severance package.

Convention Planning Update

The Rev. Roy Green gave an update on the Convention and the work of the Diocesan Convention Committee.

- **Theme:** Deepening Our Connection, With God, Each Other, and Our Neighbor
- **Schedule:** The schedule will include a General Convention report, Dwight Zscheile will be the keynote speaker and will lead the convention through a very packed schedule. Kelly Mahon, Hood River, will not be ordained at convention as previously planned. That ordination will now happen on November 17th. The committee has prepared a creative liturgy. Bishop Thom from the Diocese of Idaho will be a special guest of the convention and will speak at the Saturday evening banquet, Juli Stratton will be attending and will offer a viewing of a film on Saturday after the banquet for those who would like to participate.
- **Response to Convention:** The committee is working on the formation of a listening group to respond to the lessons learned at each Diocesan Convention. This year the Convention Planning Committee and Commission on Ministry will be taking on this responsibility with the hope that a separate committee will eventually be formed.
- **Offering Designation**

M/S/C *Motion to designate the Convention Offering to aid/relief for farm families affected by the recent wild fires in the Columbia River Gorge. (Jed Holdorph, Randy Heise)*

- **Resolutions Committee:** Jed Holdorph will chair resolutions committee. Only two resolutions will be included in the Pre-Convention Journal; The Grace Chapel Resolution and the second reading of the changes to the canons introduced as a resolution at the 2017 Convention.
- **Tellers:** Jim Spell, Barbara Mayo, and Aletha Bonebrake will be tellers.
- **Nominating Committee:** The outgoing members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee are the members of the nominating Committee for 2019. They are Aletha Bonebrake, Julie Reynolds, Nancy Sargent Green, Vicki Mosier, and Karly Nash.

Standing Committee Report

Jed Holdorph gave the Standing Committee report. Standing Committee signed consents to the election of bishops in the Diocese of Rio Grande, the Diocese of Bethlehem, the Diocese of Western Kansas, and the Diocese of Newark. They reviewed the status of the Prineville sale, which is still on hold. They also approved Ann Marie Hardin for candidacy.

Ascension School Report

Bishop Pat gave the Ascension School report. With Kim McClain's departure he will be taking over the administration of Ascension School. Lisa and Kim Lee will be providing support and operations to the camp. At this time the plan is to consult with the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers organization (ECCC) as well as the Episcopal Church Foundation to look at the current model and possibly develop a new model for Ascension School. Patty Olson-Lindsey has been hired on a part time basis to help Ascension School get back on track with several projects, including:

- Capital Campaign finances
- The Outdoor School Project
- Coe-Kerr completion

She is not returning as the Executive Director but to help specifically with those projects.

Plans are under way to paint Barton House, the Ascension Chapel, and Kimsey Commons within the next year. And Canticle Communications will be in conversation with the diocese and Ascension on possible assistance with the communications.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Pat, Patty Olson-Lindsey and Lisa will be attending the Diocesan Leadership Institute the first week of September. This is a program made possible through a grant from the Lily Foundation and administered by the Episcopal Church Foundation. 11 dioceses were chosen, and the grant underwrites all expenses except for transportation. The goal of the project is to develop innovative ways to do ministry in the changing diocesan landscapes. Part of the project is to come with a significant goal or idea. The team came up with the idea of a senior living intentional community of tiny homes on the Ascension School grounds that would foster generational cooperation.

The Adult Education weekend was attended by a small group but they were very engaged. The Rev. Jemonde Taylor is a wonderful presenter, and attendees left the weekend having been challenged and encouraged. Bishop Pat indicated that he would like to explore different ways of planning and presenting adult programming at Ascension School that would appeal to more people.

The Bishop will be attending Common Table in November, which is a program put on by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon built around how to have dialogue beyond ideological divides.

The Bishop thanked the outgoing members of Standing Committee and Council and presented those present with a ceramic plate featuring the Ascension Chapel and made by Marten Tromp Van Holst, the husband of Ascension School's Chef, Melanie. The outgoing members are the Rev. Nancy Sargent Green, Julie Reynolds, Karly Nash, Vicki Mosier, and the Rev. Aletha Bonebrake.

November Diocesan Council Retreat

The dates of the November retreat will be Thursday, November 1st through Saturday, November 3rd. The retreat will start with a Standing Committee meeting at 3:00p.m. on Thursday and will end at lunch time on Saturday.

New Business

Canon Lee Kiefer gave a brief update on deployment and transitions in the diocese. Kelly Mahon has been hired as the new rector of St. Mark's, Hood River. He is a recent graduate of Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He will be installed on September 23rd and will be ordained on November 17th.

St. Peter's, La Grande is still in the process of developing their call, in cooperation with the ELCA.

St. Paul's, The Dalles is in transition and doing some discernment. There will likely be an interim put in place for the time being.

St. Matthew's, Ontario has entered into a long-term supply contract with a priest from the Diocese of Idaho.

Jed Holdorph raised the subject of Diocesan Council issuing some sort of statement in response to Proposition 105. After discussion it was agreed that Joseph Farber would craft a message/resolution and send it out to Council for a vote the following week.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.