

EDEO Proposed Diocesan Council
Draft Minutes of the Meeting
January 26, 2019
Online

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2019

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Beth Spell

Adrienne Brown

Class of 2020

The Rev. Jed Holdorff (SC)

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Barbara Mayo

Steve Winkle (SC)

Class of 2021

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)

Kit Morgan

Kay Sharp

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Absent

Gregg Henton (SC)

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Lee Kiefer, Canon for Transition Ministry

James Foster, Chancellor

The Rev. Mary Lujan (SC)

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Beth Spell offered the opening prayer.

Agenda

The agenda was approved with one addition.

Approval Minutes from the November 2018 Council Retreat

M/S/C *Motion to approve the November 2018 Council Retreat Minutes as presented.
(Charlotte Wells, Roy Green)*

Introductions

Roy Green introduced Steve Winkle from St. Mark's, Hood River who has been appointed to complete Mary Link's term on Standing Committee.

Bisbee Grant Committee Report and Vote

M/S/C *Motion to accept the recommendation of the Bisbee Grant Committee to grant \$1500.00 to St. Peter's, La Grande for their K House college ministry, \$800.00 to St. James, Milton Freewater for a new sink for their Breadbasket ministry, and to deny Trinity, Bend's request for Family Kitchen.
(Roy Green, Doug Harder)*

Ascension School Update

○ Executive Director Search and ECCC Consulting

Bishop Pat updated council on the status of the search for a new Executive Director for Ascension School. He reviewed the report from Stuart Campbell, the consultant from the Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers (ECCC). The report recommended hiring a new Executive Director and offering housing. The most desirable option for housing would be Barton House.

The diocese will continue consulting with the ECCC throughout the hiring process. A search committee was formed, consisting of the following members:

The Rev. Lee Kiefer – Canon for Transition Ministry

Cathy Cowherd - Ascension School Advisory Board Chair

Robin Barnes- Ascension School Advisory Board Member

Makenzie Dyer – Ascension School Advisory Board Member

The job posting went out the week of January 21st and the application process will close on February 22nd. The search committee will conduct initial interviews and reference calling. Finalists will be invited to Ascension School the weekend of March 22-24 for in person interviews with the committee and Bishop Pat. The bishop will make his decision after those interviews and it is hoped that a new director will be in place by the beginning of May.

○ Kimsey Commons Flood update

Lisa updated the council on the status of the repairs from a flood that occurred at Kimsey Commons in mid-December. The flood was caused by the failure of a pipe fitting under the kitchen sink. One Call Restoration was called in to handle the repairs and a claim was filed with Church Insurance. The repairs included new flooring in the kitchen and women's restrooms, new countertops, and other smaller repairs.

○ Patty Lindsey's new position with ECCC

Bishop Pat was thrilled to announce that Patty Olson-Lindsey was called on to be the Acting Director for the ECCC. She will be working in that role for the next 6 months at the end of which she hopes to apply for the position of Executive Director for that organization. She has been working with Lisa and Kim Lee to make sure details from items she had been consulting with Ascension School on are being handled.

Financial Report – Randy Heise

Randy gave a brief financial report. Yearend numbers for 2018 are not yet complete but he is projecting a deficit of approximately \$15,000. Expenses were under budget, however income was also under. The invested fund report showed big losses in December. He will travel to Cove on February 6th to meet with the bishop and Lisa to review the yearend finances for both EDEO and Ascension School. Bishop Pat updated the council on Ascension School finances and indicated the he will be implementing new policies for how Ascension is budgeted, including forming a committee to assist the new executive director with financial matters. 2018 will show a significant budget shortfall for the camp. The 2019 budget will also need to be adjusted to reflect more realistic numbers. There was no communication sent out to solicit donations or advertising to increase business over the past 2 years, which affected revenue. Plans are being made to improve communications, including mailing out a new issue of The Circle within the next week.

Safeguarding Training Update

The discussion around the Safeguarding training was tabled until the next meeting.

Standing Committee Report

Roy Green, president of Standing Committee, reported that the sale of St. Andrew's church in Prineville is now complete and the congregation is in the process of acquiring a new space. Jed Holdorph reported that Standing Committee has responded to consents for bishop elections in the dioceses of Kansas, Arizona, Ecuador, Europe, and Colorado. They also approved the ordination of AnnMarie Hardin to the transitional diaconate.

Bishop's Report

○ Staff Retreat Review

Kim Lee, Lisa, and Bishop Pat spent 2 days reviewing job descriptions, creating an orientation process for the new Executive Director, and planning for summer camp and Labor of Love. The preparations for camp were divided up between the staff. A curriculum committee has been formed that will create the camp curriculum based on the theme "The Way of the Love". The members of the committee are:

Beth Spell

Cathy Cowherd

The Rev. Mary Lujan

Julie Reynolds (Canyon City)

Makenzie Dyer

- **Innovative Leadership Initiative at Lutheran Seminary**

The Innovative Leadership Initiative will possibly be moving the location for the program from Minnesota to the Pacific Northwest which would make attendance for our participants much easier. The Bishop asked council to consider designating funds from the Ministry Development fund to assist with their tuition and travel expenses.

M/S/C

*Motion to designate between \$15,000 and \$16,000 from the Ministry Development fund to send 4 people to the Innovative Leadership Initiative in 2019.
(Doug Harder, Kay Sharp)*

- **Investment Accounts with Wells Fargo**

Discussions will begin regarding switching the investment accounts from Wells Fargo. The Bishop will be working with Randy and the Finance Committee on exploring other options, including the national church, ECF, or local firms.

- **Episcopal Visitations**

In March, Bishop Pat along with Lisa and Kim will be visiting the congregations in Southern Oregon; Bonanza, Lakeview, Klamath Falls. This is an effort to help those congregations feel more connected to the larger diocese and to give them a chance to talk to staff in person.

2019-2020 visitations will be reduced due to larger travel commitments and will be spread out over 18 months instead of 12 months.

Adjournment

Roy Green offered a closing prayer which included a remembrance of Dick McNab, friend of Julie Reynolds, The Dalles, who recently passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.