

EDEO Diocesan Council
May 16, 2020
Online Meeting via Zoom
Minutes

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2020

The Rev. Jed Holdorph (SC)

Karly Nash (SC)

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Barbara Reynolds

Vacancy - DC

Class of 2021

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Kit Morgan

Vacancy -DC

Class of 2022

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Adrienne Brown

Ellen Nesbitt

Steve Winkle (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Absent:

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

James Foster, Chancellor

Call to Order

Bishop Pat called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and opened with a prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

M/S/C *Motion to approve the agenda with a slight adjustment to the schedule of reports. moving the financial report before the Ascension School report. (Barbara Reynolds, Roy Green)*

Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2020

Kelly asked for a correction to the minutes to reflect that he was present at the meeting.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the minutes with a correction to reflect that The Rev. Kelly Mahon was present at the April 4, 2020 meeting. (Adrienne Brown, Charlotte Wells)*

Financial Report

- **2019 Year End**

Randy Heise reviewed the 2019 year end numbers which reflected a surplus of approximately \$10,600. That number reflects the absence of an Executive Director at Ascension School for part of the year.

- **Audit Update**

The 2016 audit has been completed and the financial compilations for 2017 and 2018 have been started by the accountant.

- **Investment Update**

The investment report shows an expected loss. The ECF advisors are recommending that 2020 budgeted draws continue as planned but to expect a significant change in the amount that can be withdrawn in 2021.

- **Current Financials**

So far year to date comparisons do not show any dip in assessment income, but a downturn may be coming. Parochial clergy present at the meeting noted they have not seen a reduction in pledges.

Ascension School Report

- **Summer Camp Update**

Summer Camp 2020 at Ascension School has been cancelled. ACA and CDC guidelines would preclude the possibility of any type of program. A diocesan wide notification will go out early next week.

- **Internship Program**

In place of summer camp Amy will run a young adult paid internship program for the camp director and camp staff that have currently applied and will open the internship up to any other young adults, 18 or older, who may be interested.

The internship will start in July and will be onsite for 4 weeks – all CDC guidelines will be adhered to.

The program will include leadership development, spiritual formation, and coordinated efforts to bring camp like content to campers forced to stay home because of the restrictions. Some of that content will include a Camp in a Box sent to all registered campers from last year, online videos and activities, and projects around campus.

- **Food Security Project**

Ascension School will begin providing free lunches to the children of Cove starting on June 1st, one day after the schools will end their free lunch program. There is also discussion happening around providing meals to the senior citizens and shut ins in the community, as well as take home meals for families.

- **Budget**

Amy has created a projected budget, based on lost income from outside rentals and camp, but with an increase is giving based on an appeal that will go out in June. The projected year end budget shows a \$12,000 deficit. The trail project, including Bobby's salary, is fully funded.

- **Pool Update**

The Cove Community Association, with guidance from Amy, has decided to take on the project of potentially purchasing the pool and partnering with the City of Cove or Union County for its continued management.

- **Internet update**

The new fiber optic lines have been installed throughout campus and the internet will be hooked up within the next few weeks. The project also includes a new phone system.

Convention Report

- **Location**

Standing Committee has approved a change of location for the 2020 Diocesan Convention from Pendleton to Cove. This change will not only help EDEO and Ascension School financially, but will also allow for more flexibility if circumstance necessitate canceling or adapting in some way due to the virus. The Convention Committee is working with Wildhorse to secure dates for 2021 and making contingency plans in case we will need to have some sort of virtual convention. The future Convention locations will be Central Oregon in 2022, the Gorge in 2023, and Cove in 2024.

Standing Committee Report

- **Nyssa Property Update**

Roy updated council that the diocese has been approached regarding a possible sale of St. Paul's in Nyssa to a group interested in using it for a Hispanic Ministry church plant. Due to Covid 19 their plans have changed slightly and they would now like to discuss renting or possibly a lease to own option. Kelly Mahon, Charlotte Wells, and Doug Harder agreed to meet with Pastor Dodd, the contact for the interested party, and bring recommendations/options back to Standing Committee.

Bishop's Report

- **Fall Meeting locations**

Bishop Pat notified council that if we can have fall meetings they will be held in Cove. This would support Ascension School and give us more control over the environment.

- **Diocese of Idaho**

The bishop gave an update on discussions he has had with The Rt. Rev. Brian Thom, Bishop of the Diocese of Idaho.

- **Schedule**

The Bishop will not be making any visitations through the month of June and is waiting to make any decisions beyond that. There is the possibility of virtual visitations if that is desired.

His newsletter, which will go out the first week of June, will include guidelines about reopening. He is asking for input from Standing Committee, but any openings will be slow and measured.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:07am.