

EDEO Diocesan Council
Minutes of the Meeting
May 17-18, 2019
Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)
Kit Morgan

Class of 2019

The Rev. Charlotte Wells
Beth Spell
Adrienne Brown
The Rev. Mary Lujan (SC)

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention
Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer
James Foster, Chancellor

Class of 2020

The Rev. Joseph Farber
Barbara Mayo
Steve Winkle (SC)

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council
Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Class of 2021

Julie Reynolds (SC)
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Absent

Gregg Henton (SC)
The Rev. Jed Holdorph (SC)
Lee Kiefer, Canon for Transition Ministry
Kay Sharp

Friday May 17, 2019

Call to Order

Beth spell opened the meeting with a prayer at 5:05pm.

Agenda

The agenda was amended to include a discussion and vote on the investment income for 2020's EDEO operating budget.

Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2019

M/S/C *Motion to approve the January 26, 2019 Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes as presented.*
(Joseph Farber, Adrienne Brown)

Welcome

Bishop Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked The Rev. Charlotte Wells for Redeemer's hospitality in hosting Diocesan Council. He noted that Chancellor Jim Foster was present for the evening and there would be opportunity to speak with him if there were any questions or concerns from council members. Council members were then invited to share any prayer requests or praises.

Ascension School

o Introduction of Amy Jayne, Executive Director of Ascension School

Bishop Pat reviewed the steps that were taken in the search for Ascension School's new Executive Director, including hiring a consultant and forming Search Committee to review all applications and interview prospective candidates. He then introduced Amy Jayne, who was unanimously recommended for the position by the consultant, Search Committee, and the Ascension School staff. Amy is a pastor in the Covenant Church with extensive experience in youth ministry and administrative management. She is also the niece of the Diocesan Administrator, Lisa Boquist. The Bishop gave Amy time to tell the council a little bit about herself and to answer questions. Amy will start full time in her position on June 16th and is already in contact with staff on a regular basis.

o The Ascension School Nature Restoration and Tish Croom Trail Project

Much progress has been made on the plans for the Ascension School Nature Restoration and Tish Croom Trail Project. With the involvement of the entire staff as well as the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), and several other community partners, the plans for the project are well underway. Handouts were passed out that showed the plans for the trails as well as parts of the property that will be placed into a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which will replace the lease income lost from removing the lands from the farm lease for at least 10 years. There is an agricultural use requirement for lands not included in the CREP boundary and the plan is to implement the planting of "First Foods" in cooperation with CTUIR.

o Ascension School Painting Update

Kimsey Commons, Barton House, and Chapel are all in the process of being painted. A 4-palette color scheme was suggested by Amy with the long range goal that all the buildings on campus will be painted in a combination of those 4 colors. This will help create a more cohesive feeling throughout the campus.

o Summer Camp

The curriculum committee has completed the summer's curriculum based on the Way of Love. Bishop Pat thanked the curriculum committee members for their hard work and love of Ascension School.

Amy has met with the summer's Program Director, Roman Heidrich, as well as with the Bishop, Lisa, and Kim to review summer camp preparations. All administrative details have been taken care of and Amy and Roman are working on a plan for the Resident Staff training taking place June 17-21. The Bishop is sending out an appeal for Scholarship funds in the next week to help bolster that fund, which that has been depleted over the last two years.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for the evening at 7:30.

Saturday 8:00am

The meeting reconvened at 8:11am. Beth Spell opened with a prayer.

Financial Report

o Year End EDEO

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer, reported that the EDEO operating budget came in with a deficit of \$19,644.72 for the end of 2018. While expenses continued to come in under budget, assessments were approximately \$30,000.00 less than were anticipated in the budget. Randy indicated that he intends to call a finance committee meeting to start the work on the 2020 budget but also to revisit 2019's budget and adjust as necessary. It was requested that a report comparing to-date assessment income over the past few years be sent to council members. Lisa will make sure that those reports are sent out.

o Certificates of Deposit from St. Paul's, Nyssa

Lisa reported that tax statements were received at the Diocesan Office in January of this year that revealed the existence of several CD's that were still held by St. Paul's, Nyssa, a parish that had closed in 2016. The decision had been made to hold on to the CD's until they matured in order to avoid paying any penalties for early withdrawal. With the help of Fred Bierig, the former Senior Warden in Nyssa, the CD's were cashed in and the money sent to the Diocesan Office. The total amount of the check was for \$16,333.10.

o Fund Report

Randy presented an updated spreadsheet for Endowed, Non-Endowed, and Cash accounts held at Wells Fargo. Finance Committee will be reviewing and bringing a recommendation to council regarding switching over these accounts to the National Church which will manage the investments with no fees. Currently the diocese pays close to 40,000 per year in fees.

o Investment Income

M/S/C *Motion to approve the use of a 5% rolling average of the last 20 months quarters in the 2020 EDEO operating budget. (Randy Heise, Joseph Farber)*

o Year End Ascension School

Ascension School ended 2018 with a deficit of \$60,584.000 and is projected to have an approximate deficit of \$35,000.00 in 2019. The following transfers were proposed to deal with the deficits:

	2018		2019
Deficit	(\$60,584.00)	Deficit	(\$35,193.00)
Wells Fargo	\$32,427.32	Rose Rine	\$10,000.00
2018 Rose Rine	\$3,500.00	Nyssa Funds	\$16,333.10
2018 Ellsworth	\$2,500.00	Powers	\$7,000.00
2018 Endowment Transfer	\$20,000.00		
Total	(\$138.68)		\$159.10

M/S/C *Motion to approve the use of recommended funds to balance the 2018 and 2019 budgets. (Randy Heise, Barbara Reynolds)*

A brief discussion was held on how council members could get the news out to local parishes on the work of the Diocesan Council. Roy Green suggested that Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the Bishop provide 3 or 4 talking points after each meeting that members could then take back to their own parishes, as well as parishes not represented on council, and give a brief update. Bishop Pat mentioned that it is still his hope that Canticle Communication will be engaged to help with a communication plan and the decision was made to wait until the new Executive Director was hired to make sure they were included in any plan.

o Revised 2019 Ascension School Budget

The Ascension School budget was revised to more accurately reflect income and expenses for the 2019 fiscal year.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the revised 2019 Ascension School budget as presented with the addition of the previously approved transfers to balance the budget. (Charlotte Wells, Joseph Farber)*

o Ascension Executive Director Signer Privileges

M/S/C *Motion to approve Amy Jayne as a signer on the US Bank checking accounts ending in 7424 and 0220. (Joseph Farber, Julie Reynolds)*

o Ascension Executive Director Credit Card

M/S/C *Motion to approve obtaining a Columbia Bank employee credit card for Amy Jayne, Ascension School Executive Director. (Barbara Reynolds, Aletha Bonebrake)*

Diocesan Convention Update

Roy Green reported that the theme for the 2019 Diocesan Convention, to be held on October 18-20 at Ascension School will be “*Of One Mind; Creating Shared Values*” based on Philippians 2:1-2. There will be no keynote speaker this year, but convention will instead focus on what is happening in the diocese. Roy Green, Patti Knollman, and Marilyn Roth will all be going off the Convention committee at the end of the year. The Rev. Kelly Mahon and Sean Rogers have agreed to come on to the committee and there is one spot left to fill. The 2020 convention, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the diocese, will be held in Pendleton, the site of the very first convention.

Standing Committee Report-Roy Green

Roy Green reported that Standing Committee has approved Ann Mare Hardin for ordination to the priesthood. She will be ordained on July 20th at 11:00am at Church of the Redeemer in Pendleton. Since the beginning of the year Standing Committee has responded to Consents from the following dioceses:

- The Diocese of Ecuador Litoral
- The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
- The Episcopal Church in Colorado
- The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee
- The Diocese of Northern California
- The Diocese of Texas
- The Episcopal Church in Maine
- The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

Bishop's Report

Bishop Pat spoke on the House of Bishop's response to the fact that spouses of same sex couples were not invited to attend Lambeth in 2020. While there was pushback against that decision many bishops are planning on attending in the hopes of continuing the dialogue around the subject of LGBTQ inclusion in the Anglican Communion. Bishop Pat noted that progress is happening, as gay and lesbian bishops have been included in the invitation, just not spouses.

The High Desert School for Ministry is coming to the end of their 1st year. There is a possibility that there will be 3 more students from EDEO that will be eligible to attend next year, and we are hoping for 5 to 6 students total. The program was very successful this year and The Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby is doing a wonderful job as dean. There is potential that Lucinda will be elected as the new bishop in El Camino Real, the election takes place June 1st, which would mean a new dean would need to be appointed.

Diocesan Commissions

Bishop Pat asked the council to consider adding a discussion around the existing diocesan commission onto the agenda for the September Diocesan Council meeting. The 3 existing commissions include the Commission on Celebrating Diversity, Environmental Justice Commission, Prison Ministry Commission. The latter two have not been operational for several years and Ruth Tsu has stepped down as chair of the Commission on Celebrating Diversity. As commissions of Diocesan Council Bishop Pat is recommending that council revisit their status and determine if they are to continue on as they are currently arranged.

Charlotte Wells, Aletha Bonebrake, and Barbara Reynolds will do some research on the commissions viability and make a report to the rest of the council in September.

Innovative Leadership Initiative at Lutheran Seminary

The dates for the program have been set for July and November. Sean Rogers, Marilyn Roth, Joyce Atchley, and Joann Dickson will be attending, although Sean Rogers will not be able to attend the July session.

Other Business

Bishop Pat raised a question around the current procedure of Diocesan Convention approving the operating budgets for the coming year. He presented the idea that council should consider changing that and having themselves be responsible for the approval of the budgets and simply provide financial reports to Convention. He will investigate whether this would involve a change in the canons, which would require 2 years in order for that change to be made official.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.