

EDEO Diocesan Council
Draft Minutes
November 4, 2021
ZOOM

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2022

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Adrienne Brown

Ellen Nesbitt

Class of 2023

Karly Nash (SC)

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Barbara Reynolds

Class of 2024

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake (SC)

Terry Rahmsdorff (SC)

Betty Palmer

Vacancy -DC Clergy

Vacancy – DC Lay

Ex-Officio

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Absent:

Steve Winkle (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (SC)

Beth Spell

Call to Order

Bishop Pat called the meeting to order and offered a prayer. He welcomed the new members, Betty Palmer and Terry Rahmsdorff. He asked the members present to consider who they will nominate to fill the vacant lay and clergy positions on Diocesan Council and send those names to him as soon as possible.

At the January meeting a Co-Chair will be elected and Bishop Pat encouraged anyone who is interested to contact him prior to that meeting. The January meeting is scheduled for January 21-22, 2022 at Ascension School.

Diocesan Convention Review

Bishop Pat reported that the surveys on the convention have been very favorable. There were several good suggestions on how to include Zoom into future in person gatherings. Council members shared their thoughts and they were especially appreciative of Bishop Pat's address and how it could be used during their Sunday morning services.

Standing Committee Report – Kelly Mahon

The Rev. Kelly Mahon, newly elected President of Standing Committee, reported on the following actions that Standing Committee has taken since the last meeting:

- Approved 3 elections for bishops in other dioceses
- Continuing to work on property issues throughout the diocese including:
 - The closing of St. Paul's, Klamath Falls.
 - The potential sale of the Diocesan House in The Dalles to St. Paul's.
- Working to schedule a candidacy interview for both Sean Rogers and Taylor Clark

Bisbee Grant Committee Formation

The members of the Bisbee Grant Committee are:

- Barbara Reynolds
- Adrienne Brown
- Karly Nash

Lisa will send applications on to Barbara as they come in.

Consent Calendar

M/S/C *Motion to approve the Consent Calendar below as presented. (Randy Heise, Karly Nash)*

- *Approval of Minutes from August 2021 Meeting.*
- *Resolution on Housing Allowance:*

WHEREAS, section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister to exclude from gross income a church-designated allowance paid to him or her as part of his or her compensation for services as a minister, to the extent used by him/her for actual expenses in owning or renting a home; and WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon which does not provide a residence for him, Diocesan Council resolves that of the total compensation received during 2021, \$2000.00 per month shall be designated a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986. The Diocesan Council also resolves that the amount designated as housing allowance shall apply to 2021 calendar year and all future years unless amended by the Diocesan Council. minutes from the April 10, 2021, meeting as presented. (Barbara Reynolds, Adrienne Brown)

Ascension School Report -Amy Jayne

Amy shared a power point presentation of slides recapping the year. Some highlights from the summer included:

- 120 campers
- 29 Ascension Camperships
- 78 Parish Camperships
- A record number of campers from Cove

The interns participated in a Sacred Ground Internship that used the curriculum from the national church. They explored cultural and historic sites throughout the region that helped them grasp the concepts that they were exploring in their studies.

There was an Outdoor School held at Ascension School this fall that is in partnership with the Grand Ronde Model Watershed Community Science Projects that is focusing on Indigenous Studies. Another Outdoor School is scheduled for the spring of 2022.

The UTO Grant that was for the heating of the greenhouse is complete and plants are already growing and almost ready to be harvested.

Many campus improvements happened across campus throughout the year, including:

- Construction of an Outdoor Chapel
- Dorm Upgrades
- New floors in Morris Hall
- Outdoor lighting installed throughout campus
- Founders Hall and Coe Kerr ADA Upgrades
- New Highway Fencing

Roman Heidrich is settling in as the new Program Director. He is currently on the east coast attending a conference specifically for Program Directors. In addition to camp programming, he is exploring creating young adult events.

Katie Sanchez is the new Operations Manager. She has brought many creative ideas to the hospitality side of Ascension School. She is also planning on bringing beekeeping to Ascension School in 2022.

The Roanridge Grant provided funds to remodel the staff cabin for housing for Katie and Roman.

Upcoming Events:

- The Advisory Board will meet on November 13th to do Master Planning.
- There will be an Alumni Weekend over Memorial Day Weekend 2022.
- Young Adult Retreat date TBD
- Racial Justice retreat and training for those on the path to ordination, and others, in June 2022
- Summer Camp 2022
- Adult Formation Retreat in August 2022

The Circle newsletter will be coming out soon with more information.

Budget Report – Randy Heise

Randy Heise gave a brief report. There were no financials to report on but it does look as though there will be surplus at the end of the year. The investments continue to do well, despite ups and downs in the market.

This will be Randy's last meeting as Treasurer and he is proud to leave the diocese in a much better and clearer financial position. The bishop and council thanked him for his service to the diocese.

Bishop Pat announced that Patty Olson-Lindsey has agreed to come in as the next Treasurer for EDEO.

Bishop Announcements

Bishop Pat filled Council in on some of his work over the past few months, including:

- Attending the memorial service for The Rev. Bill Ellis
- Visitation at Sunriver. He invited prayers for them as they are making the final decision on whether or not to purchase a new building at their meeting on December 12th.
- Signed the final paperwork on the sale of the property in Redmond. Diocesan Council will be dealing with the appropriation of those funds at their next meeting, as well as the future income from the hopeful sale of the two properties in Klamath Falls.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for the evening at 6:55pm.

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