

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Friday, November 14 and 15, 2014  
5:00pm and 10:00am Adobe Connect

### Minutes of the Meeting

#### **PRESENT:**

The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera

#### **Class of 2015**

Karla Nash

Ann Havill, S/C

The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, S/C

#### **Class of 2017**

Bill Taylor\*

Marjorie Thelen

The Rev. Jed Holdorff, S/C

Kim McClain S/C

#### **Ecumenical Associate**

Neva DeMayo

#### **Seat & Voice**

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

#### **Class of 2016**

Beth Spell

The Rev. Kathy Macek

Charlie Cagle, S/C

The Rev. Anna Carmichael, S/C

Randy Heise

#### **Ex-Officio**

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Jerry Frazier, Treasurer

Kim Mosier, Chancellor

#### **ABSENT**

The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe

Doug Boone

The Rev. Dan Lediard

A Standing Committee meeting preceded the Council Meeting at 3:00PM

### **Work Session 1: Orientation & Prep Work**

Ted Rodrigues led in prayer. 5:09

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**M/S/C**      *the agenda approved as presented. (Charlie Cagle, Doug Harder)*

#### **Approval of August 2014 Minutes**

**M/S/C**      *the August 2014 minutes approved as presented. (Doug Harder, Karla Nash)*

The process of approving the minutes before the next scheduled meeting was discussed. There are often requests for minutes to be posted to the website immediately following a meeting. Council decided to not make any changes to the approval process and to continue to approve prior meeting minutes at the next scheduled council meeting. The minutes will then be immediately posted to the website once they are approved.

### **Questions regarding roles and meeting**

Bishop Nedi reviewed some of the roles and responsibilities of council members. She reminded them that they are elected by convention not by their own congregations.

### **Correspondence**

Nedi read two letters of thanks; one from Jayce Hafner and one from Elsie Dennis regarding their participation in the 2014 convention.

### **Committees and Nominations**

#### **Bisbee Grant Committee**

Karla Nash, Kathy Macek, Beth Spell, Anna Carmichael, and Charlie Cagle agreed to review the Bisbee Grant applications and present their recommendations to council on Saturday morning.

#### **Co-Chair and Vice Chair**

The election of Co-Chair and Vice Chair was tabled until the January meeting.

**M/S/C**      *to carry this year's current Co-Chair and Vice-Chair through until the January meeting. (Kathy Macek, Jerry Frazier)*

Council members were encouraged to send nominations to Lisa prior to January's meeting.

### **Action Reports for General Convention**

Doug Harder, who is Secretary of Convention, will be submitting a report to General Convention regarding the action reports. The report is due on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. He indicated that he would send a copy of the report to the diocesan office and Lisa will distribute the report to council members.

## Finance Committee

The Bishop announced that she would be accepting nominations for a council member to serve on Finance Committee. The appointment and affirmation will take place during Saturday's meeting.

## Annual Resolutions

The following resolutions require annual approval of council.

### Annual Resolutions for Signature Authority

**M/S/C**     ***Resolved*** that the authorized signers on the Diocesan US Bank checking account be: Jerry Frazier, Diocesan Treasurer; Arnold Coe, Finance Committee Member; Patricia Olson Lindsey, Ascension School Executive Director; Kathryn Macek, Diocesan Council Member, and Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon (Charlie Cagle, Doug Harder)

**M/S/C**     ***Resolved*** that the authorized signers on the Diocesan CB Financial checking account be: Jerry Frazier, Diocesan Treasurer; Kathryn Macek, Diocesan Council Member; Patricia Olson Lindsey, Ascension School Executive Director; and Bavi Edna Rivera, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. (The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, The Rev. Anna Carmichael)

## Annual Housing Allowance Resolution

**M/S/C**     ***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. Bavi Rivera is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon which does not provide a residence for her, Diocesan Council resolves that of the total compensation received during 2015, \$3000 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 2015 calendar year. (The Rev. Jed Holdorph, The Rev. Anna Carmichael)*

## **Convention Review**

Council briefly reviewed the convention surveys. The Rev. Ted Rodrigues pointed out a correction in the Convention Proceedings regarding the necrology. Lisa indicated that she would make that correction.

## **2015 Scheduling**

Council reviewed possible dates for 2015's meetings. The following tentative schedule was set to be confirmed on Saturday:

- January 30 and 31st
- February 14 (online)
- March 21 (online)
- May 8-9(Burns?)
- August 7-8 (Central Oregon)
- October 16-18 (Convention- The Dalles)
- November 13-15 (Retreat-Cove)

Work session one adjourned at 6:13 pm

## **Work Session 2:**

*The Bisbee Grant Committee met online at 9:15 to prepare their recommendation to council.*

Council reconvened at 10:06

Kathy Macek and Kim McClain opened with prayer.

## **ECF**

Members of the Finance Committee and The Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation joined council for a presentation by Ken Quigley from the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF).

Ken talked to those present about what ECF has to offer in terms of moving the endowed and invested funds from the current management of Wells Fargo to the ECF team.

After Ken's presentation there were some questions and discussion. Members of Finance Committee and EOEF signed off and the regular session of Diocesan Council was resumed.

**M/S/C**      *to start the process of developing an investment policy through the Episcopal Church Foundation and to start the process of moving the investment accounts from Wells Fargo. (Charlie Cagle, Kathy Macek)*

## **Investment Policy Review**

Kim McClain, The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, and Doug Harder agreed to work with Finance Committee on a review of EDEO's investment policy.

## **Bisbee Grant Committee recommendation to council**

Karly Nash presented the following recommendations of the Bisbee grant Committee.

**M/S/C**      *the following recommendations presented by the Bisbee Grant Committee*

*The committee recommends that St. Andrew's/Peace Lutheran be awarded \$3810.00 to assist with the purchase of a new stove and freezer, which would aid in their outreach to their community through their monthly meal program.*

*The committee recommends that Trinity Bend's application for \$1500 for their Family Kitchen program be denied. The purpose of the Bisbee Grant is to fund new projects and Outreach and Family Kitchen has been funded by the Bisbee Grant on several other occasions. In addition the application from Trinity was incomplete.*

*The committee recommends that St. Mark's, Hood River be awarded \$500.00 to assist in the Emergency Voucher Program which has recently been moved to their parish.*

*The committee recommends that St. Matthew's, Ontario be awarded \$1272.00 to assist with the purchase and supplies for a new greenhouse which will become part of a program to teach people about growing their own food and will supply the Food Pantry.*

Bishop Nedi indicated that she would give St. Matthew's \$228.00 from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to make up for the shortfall in the grant request funding.

## **Finance Committee**

Bishop Nedi appointed Randy Heise, All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver to be the council representative on Finance Committee

**M/S/C**      *the bishop's appointment of Randy Heise to Finance Committee. (Jerry Frazier, Charlie Cagle)*

### **Thinking about the Election: Profile, Etc.**

The council discussed the Election Process and agreed that the January meeting agenda would focus on that. Including but not limited to, writing a charge to the search committee, deciding who will write the profile, and how we will do the search.

### **Calendar**

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:43am