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MINUTES OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI
Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
6400 Minnesota Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63111
December 10 & 11, 2010

Members Present: Bishop Smith, Alisa Barnes, Simone Camp, Mary Ann Cook(Saturday), Robert Daniels, Renee Fenner, James Furgason(Saturday), Patricia Glenn(Saturday), Mary Jane Kuhn, John Martin, Todd McDowell, Victoria Myers, Claudia Svoboda(Saturday), Robert Towner

Members ex officio: Thomas Hedrick

Staff Present: Dan Smith, Desiree Viliocco.

Order of Business

Bishop Smith called the meeting of the Diocesan Council to order and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:50pm.

The Bishop invited everyone to introduce themselves, what congregation they are members of, and how they became members of the Council.

Bishop Smith nominated the Rev. Jason Samuel as the Bishop's appointment to the Council. It was moved and seconded to approve this nomination. Passed by voice vote without dissent.

Bishop Smith nominated the Rev. Pat Glenn as vice-chair of the Council. It was moved and seconded to approve the nomination. Passed by voice vote without dissent.

The minutes of the October meeting of the Diocesan Council were approved by voice vote.

Bishop Smith called on Tom Hedrick, treasurer of the Diocese to give the financial report. Tom also gave an orientation to the Council on the financial responsibilities of the Council and explained the budget process. He and Desiree Viliocco, financial officer on the Bishop's Staff, answered questions and led discussion. The desire was expressed to the Finance Committee to take on a larger role of communication with the individual congregations during the budget process and during the course of the year as to the financial position of the Diocese. It was suggested that at the February meeting we will have discussion about the budgetary process and the mission funding that the Diocese engages in. Tom pointed out that a description of the various funds available to the Diocese were in each member's packets. It was suggested that the descriptions of the funds should be posted on the Diocesan web site.

Desiree made some notes concerning the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund and the Theological Education Fund. It was explained that the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund requests go through the Bishop, and he in turn asks for consent of the Council without names being revealed.

Bishop's Report: Bishop Smith began his report with sharing recent developments at the Church of the Good Shepherd and their recently retired rector John Musgrave. He also noted the need for prayers for the Rev. Carol Davenport after her recent injury. He also noted that Bishop Bullen Dolli of Lui has been diagnosed with cancer. Bishop Smith stated that if Bishop Bullen dies as the result of his present illness he would hope to attend the funeral. His attendance is somewhat based on the aftermath of the results of the referendum scheduled on January 9, 2011. The situation on the ground in Sudan is tense at this point. Bishop Smith noted that there will be a prayer vigil on January 8 prior to the referendum. (This discussion took place on Friday. On Saturday it was announced that Bishop Bullen Dolli had died.)

Bishop Smith reported on his recent visit to New York participating in the Council of Advice to the Presiding Bishop.

Dan Smith gave an orientation of the role of the different members of the Bishop's staff. He noted that the senior members of the Bishop's staff are willing to travel to the various congregations to provide consultation. He took questions and helped with discussion.

Bishop Smith moved the financial items on the business agenda to Friday evening.

The meeting was adjourned until 9:00am Saturday morning. The meeting closed with compline.

Bishop Smith reconvened the meeting of the Council and opened our morning with prayer.

The Bishop welcomed Hal Burroughs, chancellor to the Bishop, to the meeting of the Council. Hal outlined the fiduciary responsibilities of the Council and the Corporation as outlined in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and under the appropriate laws of the State of Missouri. Hal spoke about the Duty of Care and the Duty of Loyalty. The Duty of Loyalty brought conversation concerning conflicts of interest. Hal also outlined the protections that are in place for the members of the Board of Directors. Questions and discussion followed.

Business

Legal Matters: None pending.

Property Matters: Dan Smith briefed the Council that we have two pieces of property to deal with in the coming year: St. Peter's, Bonne Terre and the closed church in Clarksville. The Council was reminded that the approval of any sale of the properties is contingent on the approval of the Standing Committee.

Making all Things New – Subcommittee: The Subcommittee to handle the grant applications for New Ventures in Community Ministry was appointed. The members of the subcommittee will be Bob Daniels, Peg Cooper and Mary Jane Kuhn. The chair of the Subcommittee is Bob Daniels.

Housing Resolution:

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith in **2011** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$48,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$48,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2011 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. E. Daniel Smith in **2011** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$30,000 be designated a housing allowance

within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$30,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2011 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Joseph M.C. Chambers in **2011** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$12,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$12,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2011 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

Election of DIT Trustees:

Resolved, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO) in its regular meeting on the 11th day of December, 2010 does hereby elect Ms. Kristina Reppert to serve a two year term as co-Trustee of the Diocesan Investment Trust.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Requests:

Resolved, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$780.00 be awarded from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with dental expenses not covered through an insurance plan. Moved and Seconded, passed by voice vote.

Resolved, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$5,529.00 be awarded from the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan.

Medical Insurance Subcommittee:

Desiree gave a brief outline of the work that needs to be completed in order to be ready for the Denominational Health Plan to be implemented in the Diocese of Missouri. A subcommittee to deal with the health plan implementation was appointed. Representing the Council on the subcommittee are: Sharon Hoffman, Simone Camp, and Todd McDowell. Claudia Svoboda will join the committee. Two additional members will be appointed.

Convocation Reports:

Metro II minutes are in the packet.

Metro III has not met.

It was announced that a Miss Carol's brunch will be held at Emmanuel and the proceeds will go to Christ Church Cathedral for their work with the homeless.

South Convocation is meeting with regularity. Bishop Smith announced that the Rev. Annette Joseph has accepted a call to Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff. She comes to us from the Diocese of Maine.

Kemper Convocation met prior to Convention. A new call of the Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell to be rector of Trinity, Hannibal was announced by the Bishop.

West: Dan Smith is working to reconvene the West Convocation.

Bishop Smith announced the Rev. Johnnette Shane has been called as Vicar of Trinity, Kirksville.

Open Question/Comment Time

Mary Ann Cook asked about the listening sessions that were being worked on last year. It was suggested that the first question asked be something like "Tell us about your mission." It was also suggested that information concerning the availability of members of the Bishop's staff are available to provide resources and consultation. The conversation brought up the percentage of the assessment rate. There was some discussion about the disconnect from the local congregation and the share in the diocesan life and budget. A new committee of Claudia Svoboda, Mary Ann Cook, Bob Towner and Jerry Martin was appointed.

A motion to adjourn with the Eucharist was moved and seconded and passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Smith