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**MINUTES OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI
Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
June 5, 2010**

Members Present: Bishop Smith, Alisa Barnes, Mary Ann Cook, Teresa Danieleley, Robert Daniels, James Furgason, Patricia Glenn, Thom Gross, Sharon Hoffman, John Martin, Norman Moenkhaus, John Musgrave, Claudia Svoboda, Robert Towner, Beverly Van Horne

Ex Officio Members: Thomas Hedrick

Staff: Desiree Viliocco, Daniel Smith

Guests: Jim Schmersahl, Suzanne Wolfenbarger, Kevin Albright

Bishop Smith called the meeting of the Council to order at 9:07 a.m., and opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2010 meeting of the Council. Passed by voice vote.

Audit

Mr. Jim Schmersahl presented the report of the 2009 audit of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. He reported that the audit went very well in all respects. A management letter recommends a need for further segregation of duties which the auditors understand cannot

happen in an organization the size of the Diocese. It also recommends that the Corporation adopt a capitalization policy. The audit is a clean audit. Desiree Viliocco was recognized for her work. The Council asked questions and discussion followed. Particular questions were asked about the Kelton White Fund. The Council thanked Mr. Schmersahl for the work of the auditors. The report of the audit is located in the Diocesan Council book of minutes located in the Offices of the Bishop and will be included in the Journal of the 170th Diocesan Convention.

Tom Hedrick asked the Council to approve the recommendation for a capitalization policy. It was moved and seconded to implement a policy that designates expenditures over \$1,000 as capital expenditures that are to be recorded as depreciable fixed assets and expenses all others as period costs. Passed by voice vote.

Tom reported on recent performance review meetings with those banks managing various trusts of the Diocese. He reports that the Kelton White Fund, which is managed by Bank of America, is under performing and that Bank of America has been called on the fact. Discussion followed.

Tom presented the year to date financial statements. Tom noted that income for Campus Ministry is down due to the fact that there are no student renters at Rockwell House. Questions were raised about the Campus Ministry discretionary accounts, and recommendations were suggested concerning how to show those on the financial statements.

Business

Tom Hedrick and Desiree Viliocco explained the 2011 Budget process. The initial request letter was sent out over Dan Smith's name. This was followed by questions and discussion. No decisions needed at this time.

The sub-committee reviewing the Church Assistance Endowment requests made their report and the following recommendations:

- St. Martin's, Ellisville \$7,500
- Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis \$3,070
- St. Mark's, St. Louis \$6,896
- St. John and St. James, Sullivan \$4,915
- Good Shepherd, Town and Country \$7,500

It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the sub-committee. The sub-committee was thanked for its work. Passed by voice vote.

Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Bishop as President of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, the Diocesan Council does hereby confirm and approve the following corporate action of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$258.31 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson's son with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan. Moved and seconded, passed by voice vote.

Resolved that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri ratifies the corporate resolution stating that E. Daniel Smith as Vice President of the Corporation has the authority to sign documents with Toyota Financial Services to provide for the lease of an automobile. Moved and seconded, passed by voice vote.

Report from the Assessment Task Force: John Musgrave reported on the work of the task force. The committee requested that the name of the task force be changed. What began as an attempt to work on the issue of congregations not paying their full assessment has changed to being one of addressing the relationship between a congregation and the diocese, and the value of those relationships. The task force has met with the Bishop and Dan Smith and received feedback from them. The approach will be to all parishes beginning with the rectors/priests in charge to establish more of a partnership. The committee notes that this will be a project that has to be passed onto future Diocesan Councils.

Denominational Health Plan & Lay Pension Plan Updates: Desiree Viliocco gave a brief report and an outline of a timeline for the implementation of the Health and Pension plans. A sub-committee of the Council will be appointed in December for the purpose of developing a policy of implementation to be presented to Convention in 2011.

Report from Planned Giving Committee: Norm Moenkhaus reported that the work of the committee will concentrate on tithing at end of life. The committee noted the rubric in the prayerbook requiring clergy to teach their congregation about end of life matters.

Budget change request: St. Paul's, Carondelet: Dan Smith reported that Robert Ard has been called to do the redevelopment work needed at St. Paul's. He also reported that Beverly Van Horne is retiring at Trinity, DeSoto. The congregational development funds currently paid to Trinity were for the expressed purpose of having a half-time priest. The strategic question is whether to keep money flowing to Trinity or use that money to supplement the new work at St. Paul's, Carondelet.

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2011 Diocesan Calendar as drafted. The question of adding meeting dates for convocations was raised. There was an explanation as to why dates are not added.

Dan Smith reported on current searches underway at Calvary, Columbia; Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff; Trinity, Kirksville; Trinity, Hannibal; and, St. Paul's, Palmyra. He reported that Amy Cortright will be joining Christ Church Cathedral and that Joe Chambers will begin serving as Chaplain at Washington University.

Bishop Smith inserted his report at this point in the meeting. He reported on his recent Sabbatical. He spoke about three main learnings. First was the realization of his exhaustion. He has a new resolve about self care with rest and exercise at its heart. A second learning is that we live in a hinge time. The things of the past in the past and new things will be taking place. A part of this is an understanding of irreversible climate change. Another piece of the second learning is the learning about the emergent church and how the church needs to be different as it moves more completely into the 21st century. A third learning deal with how much he loves being the Bishop of Missouri. It is specific to this Diocese. He is grateful that his ministry is here in this place. He did a great deal of reading and research. He explained that he discovered the ATL database that is available to all graduates of seminaries.

He reported on the House of Bishop's meeting that took place in March. The House of Bishops continues to become more and more a pacific place. They elected two bishops; one for Federal Ministries and one for Navaholand. Bishop Smith reported that he gave his consent to the ordination of Mary Glasspool as Bishop Suffragan in Los Angeles.

Bishop Smith called attention to two recent documents; one from the Archbishop of Canterbury and one from Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefforts-Schori. The Archbishop of Canterbury has asked that The Episcopal Church withdraw from any pan-anglican ecumenical conferences. The better document was the Presiding Bishop's response.

1. Convocations:

a. Reports

- i. Kemper: Provided minutes of their meeting. The meeting was primarily a review of recent Council meetings.
- ii. Metro II: Provided minutes of their meeting. The bishop responded to two questions about the study of the Anglican Covenant. He also responded to a question concerning the youth missioner. He stated that a youth missioner has been appointed and will be announced as soon as appropriate background checks have been completed.
- iii. Metro III: Their recent meeting focused on the issues of environmental sustainability. They have entered into a programmatic approach to their meetings.
- iv. Metro IV: Have not met. Next meeting will be in June.
- v. West: Did not meet.

vi. South: Meeting was cancelled.

Other Business:

Open Question/Comment Time: The question was asked about the West Convocation. It was stated that we need to fill some clergy positions to make that happen.

It was suggested that we need to appoint a new budget sub-committee. The bishop appointed Beverly Van Horne, Jim Furgason and Bob Daniels.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m. with the Bishop's blessing.

Minutes prepared by The Rev. E. Daniel Smith