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**MINUTES OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI  
Meeting as  
DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
Louisiana, MO  
October 16, 2010**

Members Present: Bishop G. Wayne Smith, James Furgason, Teresa Danieley, Mary Ann Cook, Sharon Hoffman, Todd McDowell, Robert Daniels, Donald Esbenshade, Patricia Glenn

Ex Officio Members: Thomas Hedrick

Staff: Desiree Viliocco

Bishop Smith called the meeting of Council to order at 9:12 am. He led us in prayer.

A quorum not being present, it was noted we will need another meeting in order to transact business.

The minutes of the September 18, 2010 meeting of the Council were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted.

### **Financial Report**

Tom Hedrick noted that there is an anticipated deficit of \$6000 for the fiscal year. \$50,000 of receipts came in from parishes in late September and will be credited for October.

### **Bishop's Report:**

This has been the most traveled month ever. He has spent time in Florida, was at Sewanee, attended the bishop's family systems group, the House of Bishops meeting, and attended the Eden Seminary board meeting.

At the House of Bishops meeting held in Phoenix immigration issues were at the top of the list. The House issued a pastoral letter and theological statement on the immigration issue. (There is a link to these on the Diocesan web site.)

The House of Bishops is working on a pastoral letter dealing with global warming issues.

The House of Bishops dealt legislatively with the issue Bishop Charles Bennison had not taken action against a brother who had a sexual relationship with an underage girl. The charges were thrown out because the statute of limitations had expired. The House of Bishops has asked Bishop Bennison to resign.

There is a new Church investment group being developed. In it churches throughout the United States will be able to pool investments. This will be an independent group. It is estimated that there is approximately \$3-5 billion in endowed money that might be available for investment. Some churches (Wall Street Church) have already said they will be involved. Diocese of Missouri will look into it. The Bishop will report to Diocesan Investment Trust next week on this group. There would be investment managers, with second firm to oversee – to avoid difficulties.

Clergy retreat on preaching went well. National church is to provide more of these kinds of programs, free of charge to the Dioceses.

University of the South Sewanee installed Dr. John McCardell Jr. as new Vice Chancellor. He has a background in history which will make him well suited for this particular position.

There will be vignettes once again at the Diocesan Convention done by - Diocesan Council, those parishes involved in missional groups, and Church of the Advent on their parish nursing.

Bob Daniels arrived and a quorum was achieved.

The minutes were moved and seconded. Passed by voice vote.

The financial report was moved and seconded to be received. It passed with unanimous voice vote.

**Making All things New** – report from Bob Daniels. Two grants are being given. There is a total of \$20,000 available with the possibility of more when the final numbers come in at the end of the year.

The first is to Ironton for \$12000. This is to address food pantry issues – to build a new building at the church for the pantry (this is actually for some preparatory land and driveway work). They were asking for \$15000; they will receive \$12000.

St. Stephen's in Ferguson is receiving \$8000 for a "Pay It Forward" program. This will cover in part some of the administrative needs. This program helps to identify and support individuals volunteering to assist in community service projects in the North St. Louis community.

Some questions were asked about the funding for these grants. As these are not part of the budget, the grant is not a line item. Bob indicated that there is a plan for the committee to have a report of grants made available for Convention.

Teresa Danieleley moved and Sharon Hoffman seconded that the Council accept the report. Passed by voice vote.

## **Business**

### **2011 Operating Budget**

Input from convocations – Metro 3 had questions about the Task Force for Hungry. There had been a question about the amount requested. \$5000 was the minimum requested and included in the budget. Camp Phoenix – there are concerns about their budget having enough to cover the cost of renting the facility. Discussion centered on how their budget is like the whole budget for the diocese – a road map. The Bishop will email the principals re: fixed costs will be covered.

Metro 2 – conversation on minimum increase of clergy salary. 2.4% seems high to people, as so many are not getting salary increases or losing jobs. Campus Ministry – WU and MU person. Possibility that Columbia Calvary would go 1/2 with campus ministry to provide coverage at MU. Campus Ministry is 100% mission (there is no income generated to support it).

Kemper – questions about supporting parishes where we have not seen successes. They have not fulfilled the promise. There is concern that if we pull funding these churches will fold. Some dioceses do not support parishes. A question emerged which generated discussion about how or if we should continue support. It was decided that the topic of criteria for support of parishes should be placed on the agenda for Diocesan Council after the reformation of Council after Convention. Cathedral- look at what assigned as rent by diocesan offices and assessment by the cathedral.

Desiree Viliocco noted a budget neutral change in the operating budget 2011 for Millennium Development Goals. Jim Furgason moved and Bob Daniels seconded the acceptance of this change. Passed by voice vote.

### **Break 10:45-11:00**

#### Theological Education Fund Resolutions

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO) in its regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 does hereby approve a grant from the Theological Education Fund to Suzanne Wolfenbarger in the amount of \$1,500.

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO) in its regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 does hereby approve a grant from the Theological Education Fund to Melanie Jianakoplos in the amount of \$1,500. Passed by voice vote.

#### Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund Resolution

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 \$1,919.74 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan. Passed by voice vote.

#### Future Building and Property Fund Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO) in its regular meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 does hereby approve a grant from the Future Building & Property Fund to Holy Cross Episcopal Church/Poplar Bluff in the amount of \$10,000, to assist with necessary rectory repairs. Passed by voice vote.

A question arose regarding Trinity, Hannibal, and funding they have in the budget that is for their rectory. It was noted they may need information regarding this fund.

Report on Constitutional and Canonical changes – none were noted in the packets. The bishop indicated there will be some in order to bring the Diocese into compliance with Title 4.

Resolutions already received were reviewed.

- A171 Clergy compensation
- B171 Diocesan Policy on serving alcohol
- C171 Provides for the study of the election of one lay and one clergy member to Diocesan Council each year for a term of three years
- D171 Health and dental insurance study

Report of nominations – there were none in the packets. The Bishop noted that those nominations submitted so far are qualified individuals.

Orientation for Lay and Clerical Delegates – the amount of time an individual can serve is a question. This orientation will be used for this Convention. The question of Campus Ministry being included in convocations was addressed. It was felt that that this needs to be done. This is handled with the Bishops recommendation and approval of standing committee which he will address at the next standing committee meeting. Alternate delegate's terms are determined by parish bylaws.

There was general consensus and approval of the change to have the Convention Eucharist held at the convention center.

11:25 the meeting adjourned for Eucharist.

Resume: 12:15

### **Convocation Reports**

Kemper - Report in packet.

Metro 2 - Minutes not here but had meeting 2 weeks ago, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>.

Metro 3 - Minutes were in our packets.

Metro 4 - No report.

West - No report. The Bishop reported that Trinity, Kirksville, has called vicar.

South - In packet.

Mary Ann Cook noted that the visitation group of the Diocesan Council has lost members and was asking for guidance. The Bishop recommended suspension of visits until after Convention and reorganization.

There was no further business. It was moved and seconded we adjourn Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned with blessing and prayer from the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Glenn, secretary pro-tem.