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**TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI**  
**Meeting as**  
**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**  
**Christ Church Cathedral**  
**St. Louis, MO**  
**June 6, 2009**

Members Present: Robert Towner, Richard Braznell, Mary Ann Cook, Donald Esbenshade, Patricia Glenn, Thom Gross, Sharon Hoffman, Teresa Mithen, Norman Moenkhaus, John Musgrave, Claudia Svoboda, Beverly Van Horne, Alisa Barnes

Staff Present: Desiree Viliocco, Dan Smith

Guests Present: Jim Schmersahl, Kevin Albright

Bob Towner called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer at 9:08am.

The Minutes of the April Diocesan Council meeting were approved as distributed. Thanks to Patricia Glenn for taking minutes at the April meeting.

Jim Schmersahl and Kevin Albright of Schmersahl Treloar & Company were welcomed to the meeting. They presented the audit of the 2008 books of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. Jim and Kevin stated that their findings are a clean report for 2008. Desiree was complimented and thanked for the work that she does as the Financial Officer. The Council/COEDMO was briefed on the full report. The report indicates a strong financial position although it does show the effects of the overall economy. Investments, for instance, were down approximately 25%. The auditors fielded a number of questions regarding the various funds of the Diocese of Missouri. A copy of the report is attached to the official copy of the Minutes.

Desiree Viliocco presented the current financial report. She reported that we do not see much of a change from the report presented at the April meeting. She reported that expenses are running under budget at this point in the year. An overall deficit is seen in the

financial report due to the income from the parishes and missions being less than the assessed amount of 12.5%. She was asked about those parishes that have not paid any of their assessment.

It was moved and seconded that the Bishop's staff write a letter to St. Luke's, Manchester requesting a report to be presented in person at the September meeting of the Council on their action towards coming up with a plan for achieving full payment of their assessment as they agreed to when they received the Church Assistance Endowment Grant in 2008. Passed by voice vote with one negative vote.

It was moved and seconded that it be added to the Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grant guidelines that a congregation shall show that it has paid its full commitment for the previous year and/or present a plan to achieve full payment of their assessment. It was further moved that this guideline become effective as of January 1, 2010. Passed with a 7 to 5 vote.

A general discussion was held about sustainability of congregations and the mission they are engaged in. It was moved and seconded that the Design Team and the Mission Task Force report to Council at its September meeting.

1. Business:

- a. Desiree Viliocco reported on the beginning work of the 2010 budget process.
- b. Patricia Glenn reported on the work of the Committee overseeing Church Assistance Endowment Fund requests. Thirteen grant requests totaling \$65,190 were received with only \$31,476 available to award. They recommend awarding the following grants: \$1,435.00 to St. Alban's, Fulton; \$3,500 to Christ Church, Rolla; \$1,769.74 to Trinity, Desoto; \$2,750.00 to Grace Church, Kirkwood; \$2,175.00 to St. Martin's, Ellisville; \$7,500.00 to St. Paul's, Sikeston; \$6,173.63 to Christ Church, Cape Girardeau; and \$6,173.63 to Trinity Church, St. James. It was moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the Church Assistance Endowment Fund Committee. Passed by voice vote.

The meeting was suspended at 11:30 for the celebration of the Eucharist and lunch.

- c. Ron Clingenpeel joined the meeting for a discussion with the Council concerning General Convention beginning in July. He spoke about the resolution passed by Council at its April meeting regarding the assessment from the National Church. He explained the budgeting process used by the National Church. Ron stated that he will read the resolution into the minutes of the Program, Budget and Finance Cognate Committee as well as lobby various members of the Committee. He reported on the current listening process taking place in the Diocese of Missouri. He also spoke in general terms about the

legislation coming before Convention concerning liturgy, discipline, and continuing dioceses, among other issues.

- d. Dan Smith reported on the various searches going on in the Diocese. He reported on Emmanuel, Webster Groves, Grace, Kirkwood; St. Martin's, Ellisville; Christ Church, Rolla; St. Barnabas, Florissant; Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff; All Saints, Farmington.
- e. Dan Smith reported on Theological Education Fund grant requests received from Suzanne Wofenbarger, Robert Ard, and Pamela Dolan. Each is requesting the maximum amount of \$1,500. It was moved and seconded to grant each \$1,500 towards their theological education. Passed by voice vote.
- f. Desiree reported on a request of \$105.00 from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund. It was moved and seconded to grant the request. Passed by voice vote.
- g. Approval of 2010 Diocesan Council/COEDMO meeting dates.

December 11 & 12, 2009

February 6, 2010

April 24, 2010

June 5, 2010

September 17 & 18, 2010

October 16, 2010

December 10 & 11, 2010

Passed by voice vote.

## 2. Convocations Reports:

- i. Kemper: The Minutes of the May meeting are attached.\*
- ii. Metro II: Meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Metro III: Requests that zero based budgeting be looked at as a possibility for determining the diocesan budget. They suggest that convocations be allocated a portion of the budget with which to do program and mission work. They also request that attention be paid to the income side of the budget by determining programs to grow the church.
- iv. Metro IV: Minutes for the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting are attached.\*
- v. West: No report.
- vi. South: A written report is attached to the minutes. There is a listening session at All Saints June 13. On June 20 they will host a meeting to discuss a regional ministry.

\*A copy of these minutes was distributed at the meeting, and a copy is attached to the official copy of the Minutes.

## 3. Other Business:

Women Clergy are meeting at Columbia Hope in June for a luncheon.

Diocesan Council would like to have the agenda by the Thursday prior to the meeting of the Council.

It was also requested that the Minutes and financials from the Council meeting be distributed within two weeks after the meeting.

Teresa reported on the peace meal project.

Dan Smith reported on Waters of Hope.

4. Open Question/Comment Time
5. Adjourn: motion to adjourn was made at 1:42pm.
6. Blessing