



*Diocese of Missouri*  
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Making Disciples  
Building Congregations  
For the Life of the World*

**TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI**

**Meeting as**

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Diocesan Council/COEDMO**

**Meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church**

**3672-B Arsenal St.**

**St. Louis, MO 63116**

**On**

**October 10, 2009**

**Members Present:** Sharon Hoffman, Richard Braznell, Beverly Van Horne, Harry Richter, Alisa Barnes, Robert Towner, Pat Glenn, Robert Daniels, Mary Ann Cook, Peg Cooper, Don Esbenshade, Thom Gross, Mary Jane Kuhn, Bishop Smith

**Ex Officio members:** Tom Hedrick

**Staff Present:** Desiree Viliocco, Beth Felice

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Bishop Smith at 9:02am.

**Approve of minutes:** the minutes of the September were corrected to read "raised by Metro III" instead of "South" in discussion a bout convocations. There was a motion and a second to approve the corrected minutes. Passed by voice vote.

**Financial reports:** Tom Hedrick, Desiree Viliocco

The revenue shortfall on income is due to timing of parish receipts. Council has that report through September. There is a one month delay in reporting ability. One large congregation which was behind has now made a substantial payment.

The white fund income is under budget principally due to non payment from a parish.

On the expense side, we are under budget by 143,000 and projecting a deficit of 225,000 at end of year. Tom noted that he did not have anything to add from what was covered at the September meeting.

Following his comments was a time of questions. Tom was asked about why the communications line was well under budget. He explained that the Communications Officer had instituted a number of cost saving changes. A second question asked if there are significant variances in any area of the budget from year to year. The Financial Officer indicated that there was nothing significant to point out.

**Bishop's Report**

The Bishop reported that his staff was busy preparing for convention which is typical for this time of year. It is as the forefront of the work of his office at this time.

He noted that Morning Prayer on the Saturday of convention would be at Christ Church and said that we should all look forward to seeing the new renovation of worship space at Christ Church. Breakfast will be served by St. Paul's, Sikeston after Morning Prayer.

Bishop Smith has received convention appointments for this coming triennium, one is a continuing commitment to serve on the Ecclesiastical Court for the Trial of a Bishop. There was a fairly complicated case which is hopefully completed. These trials and depositions can take a lot of time.

As Vice President of Province V, the Bishop serves on the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice. They meet face to face once per year and consult on conference call from time to time. The Presiding Bishop asks for opinions on various issues facing her office and the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Smith was also appointed to Theology committee of the House of Bishops. This committee is comprised of both Bishops and academic theologians appointed from seminaries and universities. In recent years the committee has worked on confirmation, sexuality issues, and has addressed the issues of open communion of the unbaptized.

The Diocese of Missouri is one of the owning dioceses of the University of the South and as a result the Bishop is a trustee. He announced that he would be attending the upcoming meeting of the trustees to elect a new Chancellor and initiating a search for a vice-Chancellor. He will also visit our seminarians there.

Bishop Smith is one of the eleven missionaries travelling to Lui in the November trip. They will leave immediately after diocesan convention. Nine are from the Diocese of Missouri and 2 from Salisbury, England. The Blackmore Vale Deanery of Salisbury Diocese is also entering into a relationship with Lui Diocese. Salisbury has had a 36 year long relationship with the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, beginning when ECS had but one diocese. With that length of relationship they have a very easy understanding of what is going on in Sudan and their situation. Salisbury is an enormous diocese, about as historic as they get, and one of the major seas in the Church of England

#### **New Adventures in Community Ministries, Dr. Margaret Cooper**

For phase I of the review process the committee received 5 requests, and decided to consider three grant proposals. Each one was asking for \$15K and the total available for distribution is \$20K.

Based on a conversation with Desiree Viliocco it was thought that there may be \$23,000 available. The committee has decided on a contingency plan if the additional \$3,000 is available.

The committee recommends making grants to the Red Door Kitchen project at Christ Church, Cape in the amount of \$11,000 and to the Advent Parish Nurse project in the amount of \$9,000. If there are additional funds the committee recommends an additional \$1188 be granted to Advent and \$1500 be granted to St. Mark's, St. Louis for their community garden project.

As the recommendation is coming from a ctte, it doesn't require motion.  
Council discussed.

Motion to vote, all in favor as presented, passed unanimously

Bishop Smith recognized Peg Cooper and the committee for the stellar work they have done and thanked them.

**2010 Budget:** The council received feedback from the various convocations. After discussion no changes or amendments were suggested. The motion was made to present the draft budget to convention as it was drafted in September. Passed by voice vote.

#### **Convention vignettes**

The original intent for these vignettes was to show where and how the diocesan budget is making a difference. The Council recommends vignettes from the following, Youth, Dismantling Racism, Church of the Transfiguration and Christ Church, Cape. A liaison was appointed to contact each group.

**Convention Resolutions:**

Council discussed resolutions at length and sent recommendations to the resolutions chair, Mrs. Kathy Dyer.

Lunch

**Convocation reports**

written reports are submitted

**Open Question time:** no questions.

A motion to adjourn was accepted and the meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm.