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**MINUTES OF THE
Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
Meeting as
Diocesan Council
St. Paul's Episcopal Church:
Sikeston, MO:
April 11, 2015**

Members present: Bishop Wayne Smith, Edith Bird, Margaret Rowe, William Gilbert II, John Martin, Carl Muench, Carolyn Hackman, Sylvia Thomas, Harry Richter, Kevin McGrane, and Tamsen Whistler

Members ex officio: Tom Hedrick

Staff present: Desiree Viliocco

Opening Prayer

Bishop Smith called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM and offered prayer to begin the meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted by a voice vote.

Introductions: Recognition of Edith Bird, Rector, Christ Church/Cape Girardeau, here for her first meeting; intros of everyone else.

Financial Report: Tom Hedrick

Good governance model for investments: First endowment committee meeting was held last month. First priority to develop investment policy to address programs for endowments—White Fund and Thompson Fund, and to switch from private foundations to supporting organization status in order to avoid excise taxes on investment income on the Thompson Fund and White Fund, saving \$50,000 per year. Waiting to hear from the IRS regarding the application status of White and Thompson Funds; good candidates, according to lawyers; active involvement in oversight is very

important and the money is solely for our benefit, not being spread around. Guidance from TEC several years ago was very helpful—just long and drawn-out process.

Diocese going through financial audit, one week so far, one more week—so far, so good.

Financial Statements: Under budget on income, receipts from parishes, about \$85,000, but prorated over the year, not unusual—largest part is St. Michael & St. George, which will be caught up; \$38,000 over the year; White Fund loans are paying on schedule; Routine expenditures, \$134,294 in deficit right now, but not unusual.

Bishop's Report

The Bishop announced the birth of his and Debbie's first grandchild, Eleanor Christine Smith, born two weeks ago today; has six; gets to see her next week; preaching at Virginia Theological Seminary Tuesday; will see both sons in NY, his daughter-in-law, and the new baby.

The Bishop announced that Dan Smith is no longer the Canon to the Ordinary and Joe Chambers will be replacing him, full time in August; concierge for Deputation in the meantime; announcements of both to be made later.

Bishop Smith will be meeting in Salt Lake City in May with the cognate chairs (chairing joint committees of House of Deputies and House of Bishops) for the General Convention.

Banking Resolution

Removes Dan Smith; adds Joe Chambers; keeps Desiree Viliocco, Hal Burroughs, the Bishop, and Tom Hedrick: approved by voice vote.

Church Assistance Endowment Fund (CAEF)

Information went out in February; grant applications from congregations due April 15.

CAEF Committee: Margaret Rowe, Sylvia Thomas, Tamsen Whistler; Report to Council in June.

Cathedral Presentation Follow-up Discussion

What to do about Bishop Tuttle Building? All Cathedral offices and Diocesan offices are in the Bishop Tuttle Building—large band width, not in good repair; top to bottom audit of building to see what needs to happen with it; Bishop Tuttle Memorial Endowment Foundation, closed accounts in 1940 with five dollars in bank; three ex-officio members: Dean, Sr. Warden, Bishop (chair), trying to reconstitute it; take the oversight function from the Chapter and provide focus and guidance; Charter School will use Cathedral space for one more year, including Schuyler Hall; stakeholders may be more excited about a new facility to replace a razed Bishop Tuttle Building; from Tucker, view of CCC is the back end of the BTM. Best outcome would be for CCC to gain control of entire block; Bank still there and intends to stay; middle parking lot owners do NOT want to sell. It's a little scary to reconstitute the board, because they may decide to do something we would not expect; but, doing nothing is not an option.

St. Francis Eureka follow-up: Did not get the property; looking for others spaces.

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund - request approved by voice vote.

Convocation Reports

Kemper, written; Metro II: no report; Metro III, written; Metro IV; West doesn't meet; South met in Farmington; Kitty Hillquist no longer serving Farmington, which is currently using supply clergy; Kitty is still Rector of St. Paul's/Ironton, and still recovering from heart attack

Other Business

Roof for St. John's Church/Arsenal Street: Three bids, including one from the same tile company that last worked on the roof; hope to be finished by August

Jon Stratton Celebration of Renewal of Ministry with Trinity Church/St. Louis

Mike Angell and Holy Communion/University City will have a Fall celebration

St. Luke's, Manchester: Interim, Doris Westfall

Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis: Interim, Al Jewson

Old Church Things: St. Matthew's, Archives—for Eureka in the future?

OASIS Missouri Pride Fest Banner, found in St. John's/Tower Grove; to be used at first Pride Festival in St. Charles County, to be held May 30, Noon – 6 PM, St. Charles Community College; Transfiguration/Lake St. Louis and Trinity Church/St. Charles to share a booth; St. Timothy's Church/Creve Coeur to have adjoining booth.

Community Ministries Grant applications will be distributed April 15. Decisions to be made in June; Jerry Martin, chairing.

The Bishop asked that we discuss whether or not to have Eucharist at every Council meeting. Decided that we would do so at our overnight meeting, and otherwise do Noonday Prayer.

Bishop Smith adjourned the (very efficient) meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamsen Whistler, acting secretary