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TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

Meeting as

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

December 12, 2015

Christ Church Cathedral

Members Present: Bishop Wayne Smith, Bill Gilbert, Krista Baker, Barbi Click, Brooke Forsyth, Patricia Heeter, Al Ludwig, Margaret Rowe, Tamsen Whistler, Liz Yount

Members ex-officio: Hal Burroughs

Staff: Desirée Viliocco, Joe Chambers

Call to Order & Opening Prayer-9:07 a.m.

Introduction of Members

- Members shared where they are from and how they were elected

Orientation - The Life of Council- Chancellor Hal Burroughs

- The Chancellor gave an overview of the governing structures of the diocese, including Diocesan Convention, Council and Standing Committee referencing the Diocesan Constitution and Canons. An overview was given of how Council is used as a board of directors and acts as COEDMO.

Bishop's Nomination for Vice-Chair

- The Bishop nominated Bill Gilbert to serve as Vice Chairperson, and asked for a motion of approval. It was moved, seconded, and passed without objection.
- The bishop also mentioned that he makes appointments at the February meeting.

Approval of Minutes – October Meeting

- William Gilbert III should be William Gilbert II in the name section. The minutes were approved with no objection after the correction.

Financial Orientation

- Desirée Viliocco, Executive Director of Finance and Administration, gave an overview of how the finances of the diocese operate. Including, the budget process, parochial reports, how certain funds and trusts operate, what is asked of council, and how council works with the staff of the Offices of the Bishop. Within the orientation, Desirée also gave the financial report.

Bishop's Report

- Three things of importance regarding the wider Church
 - The bishop traveled to D.C. for the institution of Michael Curry as Presiding Bishop, which was a very joyous event. Katherine Jeffert Schori has a new appointment to teach at Virginia Theological Seminary, but will be taking some rest first.
 - Presiding Bishop Michael Curry had surgery for a subdural hematoma on Wednesday, and is now recovering at home.
 - Presiding Bishop Michael Curry sent out a letter informing the church that he has put three senior staff on leave because of possible misconduct in carrying out their duties as members of senior management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.
- The bishop traveled to Chicago for the House of Bishops committee charged with writing a pastoral letter on racism. They worked with a group called Visions, which is a group dedicated to taking diversity and inclusion to the next level. The committee decided to deal with the racism that exists in the HOB before thinking about writing a letter to the church.
- The Bishop will be preaching at an MLK event in L.A. and will attend a House of Bishops Theology Committee in Albuquerque.
- The Bishop accepted a triennial appointment to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.
- The Bishop reports good health, and his stamina is still improving.
- The conditions in Lui have not improved and getting funds to them has been a complicated matter.

New Venture's in Community Ministry – (Making all Things New)

- Three members of Council have volunteered to serve on this subcommittee: Brooke Forsyth will serve as Chair and Al Ludwig and Liz Yount will serve as members

Housing Resolutions

The following were all moved, seconded, and passed with no objection

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith in **2016** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$48,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$48,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2016 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Joseph M.C. Chambers in **2016** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$25,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$25,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2016 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Rebecca Ragland in **2016** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$18,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$18,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2016 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Elizabeth A. Scriven in **2016** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$20,000 be designated a housing allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS CODE of 1986; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the designation of \$20,000 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2016 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

Election of DIT Trustees

The following motion was seconded and passed without objection

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO), in their regular meeting on the 12th day of December, 2015, do hereby elect, James Brigham and Bruce Ward to serve two-year terms as co-Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust.

On November 13, 2015, the board members of the Diocesan Investment Trust nominated James Brigham to serve a third two-year term and Bruce Ward to serve an initial two-year term. Per the DIT Trust document “the Trustees then serving shall nominate, and the Diocesan Council shall elect, two or three Qualified Individuals (or such other number of Qualified Individuals) as is necessary to fill any vacancies to serve for a two-year term as a co-Trustee.”

Aged and Infirm Resolutions

Following a short discussion regarding the differences between retired vs. active clergy, all of the following Aged and Infirm Resolutions were moved, seconded, and passed with no objection.

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 \$1,890.00 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan.

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 \$2,143.24 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan.

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 \$862.50 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan.

Fund balance as of 10/31/2015: \$1,480,500

Established in 1870, and derived from offerings and gifts. This Fund is to be used for the relief of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese disabled by age, disease, or otherwise, and of the surviving spouse and children of Clergy. Per Diocesan Canon, the Trustees of COEDMO shall receive, consider and grant or deny applications for relief.

Convocation Reports

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Metro II

Metro III—Al Ludwig: Met Oct. 24th, still forming calendar. We are looking to work with Trinity Desoto to further involve them.

Metro IV- Brooke Forsyth: we elected Marvin Foltz as president, things are working well. Sally Weaver will be Council representative.

West – Krista Baker: we had two meetings before convention and things are going well.

South

Open Question/Comment Time

- Tamsen Whistler asked about Sikeston and their clergy situation. Joe Chambers responded about using supply, possibly a part-time interim, and other long-term possibilities.

A review of the 2016 schedule

Noonday Prayer- Bishop Smith

Blessing

Adjourn- 11:30am