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**MEETING OF THE  
Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri**

**Meeting as**

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church:  
Webster Groves, MO:  
April 9, 2016**

**Members Present:** Margaret Rowe, Tamsen Whistler, Al Ludwig, Barbi Click, Patricia Heeter, Bill Gilbert, Allyce Bullock, Krista Baker (via video), Sally Weaver, Bill Cramer, Bishop Smith

**Treasurer:** Tom Hedrick

**Staff present:** Joe Chambers and Desiree Viliocco

**Guests -** Lorraine Key, Chapter warden at Christ Church Cathedral

**Call to Order & Opening Prayer -** 9:04am

**Opening Prayer -** Bishop Smith

**Approval of Minutes –**

- February Minutes, moved, seconded, and approved as written.

**Financial Report –** Tom Hedrick

- The approval of a change in status on the Thompson Fund from a private foundation to a supporting organization now gives us a reasonable basis to file amended tax returns, so we will proceed with Ernst and Young.
- Financial year is still too young to assess, but things are on track.
- 2015 audit begins this week.

## **Bishop's Report**

- The Bishop gave up an update on the Diocese of Lui. Things in Western Equatoria are still really bad. The roads are closed and the situation is dire. Most of the villages are empty as people have fled to Uganda, displaced internally to areas in South Sudan where there is no conflict, and those in the bush. Our relationship with Lui has been made even more complicated by Archbishop Daniel telling bishops and dioceses to not be in relationship with the Episcopal Church. Both of these factors make an ongoing companion relationship incredibly complicated.

Question from member: Is there anything we can do to get aid to people in Lui or the people in Uganda? The Bishop is traveling with Debbie Smith to Kampala to visit with Bishop Stephen to talk at length about the relationship.

- Two executive staff members from the General Convention Office came to St. Louis and met with the Bishop and his two executive staff members. The conversation was very positive. Sometime this fall we will know if we are a final location candidate for General Convention in 2021.
- The House of Bishops met and the meeting was great! There has been a restructuring of the House and it's good.
- The Bishop is taking a short sabbatical in tandem with his vacation this summer.

## **Church Assistance Endowment Fund – Establish Committee**

Margaret Rowe and Tamsen Whistler volunteered to serve on this committee again. Tamsen spoke briefly about what the committee work involved, and Allyce Bullock also volunteered to serve.

The Bishop asked Margaret to convene.

## **Ten-Minute Break -9:43**

## **Cathedral Conversation**

The Bishop introduced Lorraine Kee from Christ Church Cathedral to speak about the financial trouble of the Cathedral. A lengthy discussion followed about how the Diocese and Cathedral could work together.

## **Convocations Reports:**

- A. Kemper - Written report submitted. We are still trying to get St. Stephen's at the table.
- B. Metro II - Working to get convocation active again.
- C. Metro III - No meeting since February.
- D. Metro IV - No meeting since February, next meeting April 30.
- E. West - Haven't met since fall, will hopefully meet again soon.
- F. South - No members present.

### **Open Question/Comment Time**

Tamsen asked how the searches are going, Joe Chambers responded saying that things are moving along and churches are all in different places, some interviewing candidates.

Allyce Bullock mentioned how she enjoyed the House of Bishops Theology Committee's Lenten Devotions.

### **Noonday Prayer**

**Adjourn 11:20**