



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

Meeting as

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral:
June 4, 2016**

Members present: Bill Gilbert, Brooke Forsyth, Edie Bird, Bill Cramer, Tamsen Whistler, Sylvia Thomas, Liz Yount, Barbie Click, Sally Weaver, Allyce Bullock, Rebecca Barger, Margaret Rowe, Robert Ard, Krista Baker (via video call), Bishop Smith

Ex-officio: Tom Hedrick **Staff:** Desiree Viliocco, Joe Chambers

Call to Order & Opening Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer- Bishop Smith

Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2016 - Approved without objection

Auditors Presentation – Jim Schmersahl from Schmersahl Treloar presented the audit and went over the audit process in great detail.

- Financial Statements and an Independent Auditor's Report were reviewed thoroughly.
- Various discussion and questions followed.
- The draft audit was accepted without objection after amending the document to reflect the in-kind expenses related to the Care and Counseling lease agreement be moved from

Administrative to Making Disciples under Program Services.

Financial Report – Tom Hedrick

Tom commented that it's sometimes difficult to connect the auditor's report and treasurer's report and explained the difference between the two.

Receipts from parishes and missions are often behind this early in the year. Investment income reporting reflects simply a timing issue of receiving income. There are no revenue concerns at this point.

There are no areas of concern with expenses, with the exception of Youth Ministry. The overage is due to the mission trip to Colorado, however, there is some expected offset to come in the form of income from participants and congregational support. This is a budget area that may run over as the year progresses.

2017 Budget Process

Desiree Viliocco has kicked off the budget process by sending out a letter informing programs and missions to submit budget requests for the 2017 calendar year. Requests come in throughout the summer and are reviewed by the Bishop and his staff, the treasurer, then reviewed by a financial committee before being considered by Council.

The bishop asked Council for volunteers to serve on the financial committee, and Bill Gilbert and Liz Yount volunteered and were appointed.

Bishop's Report

Elle Dowd has left the Bishop's staff to attend seminary in Chicago. The Bishop reports that she has done a terrific job building diocesan youth ministry and is handing off the ministry to the new Youth Missioner, Loren Lasch, who will begin July 18.

The Bishop reported on Christ Church Cathedral and their budget decision to eliminate staff beginning in 2017 in order to operate responsibly. The Bishop Tuttle Memorial Building will continue to be an issue during these changes. Working with the Rome Group, it seems now is not the time to make permanent decisions, especially since the Jefferson Hotel will likely be rehabbed.

The Bishop gave a summary account of his and Debbie's travels to Uganda to see Bishop Stephen and Lillian, along with missionaries from Lund, and a missionary from Blackmore Vale. He traveled to a refugee camp, learned of the current makeup of conflict on the ground in South Sudan, and learned of the need to replenish seed stores, which is something he is focusing his efforts towards.

The Bishop begins a short sabbatical on June 21. A few trips and lots of relaxation are planned.

Break: 10:22 a.m.

New Ventures in Community Ministry Grant Report – Brooke Forsyth

St. John's, St. Louis, St. Francis', and Church of the Good Shepherd submitted detailed reports for 2014.

For the 2015 grants, only Christ Church Cathedral submitted a six month evaluation and reminders were sent to the other four congregations.

The deadline for 2016 grants is June 10. No requests have been received, but there is hope to send out an email blast to remind communities to submit requests.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Resolutions

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 \$2,076.20 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with dependent orthodontia 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 \$3,337.34 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 05/31/2016: \$1,520,200

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.

Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grants - Margaret Rowe

Four congregations applied, and the committee recommends to fully fund each request.

The subcommittee voiced concern about receiving so few requests and offered ideas about how to communicate to the diocese about these available funds.

The sub-committee reviewing the Church Assistance Endowment Fund grant requests made their report and COEDMO approved the following grants by voice vote:

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| All Saints' Farmington | \$2,500 |
| St. Stephen's Ferguson | \$7,500 |
| St. Paul's, St. Louis | \$6,223 |
| Holy Communion, University City | \$1,750 |

Margaret Rowe proposed to move unused funds from 2016 to be available in 2017. This motion was approved without objection.

Review of the 176th Convention Resolutions – Check for Council action items (Resolutions A-176, B-176, C-176, D-176, F-176, G-176, I-176, C-175)

Council discussed the work of the Clergy Compensation Committee, which will submit its resolution by the September meeting.

Approval of 2017 Diocesan Council meeting calendar

Council approved the schedule as is without objection. All Saturday meetings are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and the Friday September meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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| December 10 | Council Meeting | Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis |
| February 18 | Council Meeting | Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis |
| April 8 | Council Meeting | Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis |
| | Convocation Meetings | TBD by Convocation |
| June 3 | Council Meeting | Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis |
| | Convocation Meetings | TBD by Convocation |
| September 8 - 9 | Council Meeting | St. Joseph Motherhouse, St. Louis |
| | Preliminary Budget sent to Convocations | |
| | Convocation Meetings | TBD by Convocation |
| 50 days prior Conv. | Deadline for Nominations and Resolutions | |
| | Convocations budget feedback due to Council | |
| October 7 | Council Meeting | Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis |

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| | Convocation Meetings | TBD by Convocation | November 17 |
| - 18 | 178th Diocesan Convention | Hannibal, Missouri | |
| December 9 | Council Meeting | | Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis |

Other Business

Convocations reports:

- i. Kemper- No meeting since last Council meeting.
- ii. Metro II- Next meeting is July 23.
- iii. Metro III- Just met May 14, will meet again in September; written report submitted.
- iv. Metro IV- No meeting since last Council meeting.
- vi. West - Meeting June 9th.
- vii. South - No meeting since last Council meeting.

Open Question/Comment Time

Joe Chambers reported on the various transitions happening throughout the diocese.

Robert Ard reported on St. Paul's working with resettling refugees in the community. How can we help them engage with the community? A short discussion followed about best ways of helping refugees settle.

Sallie Weaver gave an update on the St. Francis' capital campaign, which has raised \$310,500.

Noonday Prayer- 11:40

Adjourn- 11:45 a.m.