



Diocese of Missouri
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

**Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
December 10, 2016**

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Bishop Wayne Smith, Margaret Rowe, Bob Taliaferro, Al Ludwig, Liz Yount, William Cramer, Patricia Heeter, Rick Braznell, Sally Weaver, Rebecca Barger, Nancy Belcher, Barbi Click, and Krista Baker by phone

Ex-officio: Hal Burroughs

Staff: Desiree Viliocco, Joseph Chambers

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

Bishop's nomination for Vice-Chair, Mrs. Margaret Rowe

- Confirmed unanimously with added applause

Introduction of Members

Approval of Minutes – October Meeting, and November Phone Meeting

- Approved without objection

Orientation/The Life of Council

- Chancellor Hal Burroughs gave an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. Which included: Legal role, voting, canonical role, duty of care, duty of loyalty, know governing documents (Constitution and Canons), conflict of interests, confidentiality, etc...

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 in which she indicated that some receipts are lagging led by one significant parish, which is fairly typical. Also highlighted in the report is the unique transaction of the Cathedral's assessment, which is waived as rental payment for the spaced used for the Offices of the Bishop.

Bishop's Report

- Discussion about All Saints' and Ascension
- The bishop in his convention address laid out various points of distress facing the current church and assured Council that we are actively addressing and facing the challenges before us
- Saint Louis is still being considered for General Convention 2021. Representatives from the General Convention Office will be making a visit in late January 2017 to meet with the bishop and a small team of diocesan leaders
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New Venture's in Community Ministry – (Making all Things New, Subcommittee)

The bishop solicited volunteers to serve on the committee. Al Ludwig, Liz Yount, and Rick Braznell agreed to serve. Liz Yount will convene the meetings.

Housing Resolutions

The following resolutions were all passed without objection.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith in **2017** 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 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Joseph M.C. Chambers in **2017** by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$27,500 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 \$27,500 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Rebecca Ragland in **2017** 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 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Elizabeth A. Scriven in **2017** 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 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

Election of DIT Trustees

The following resolution passed without objection.

RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri (COEDMO), in their regular meeting on the 10th day of December, 2016, do hereby elect, Steve Barney and Jerry Cooper to serve two-year terms as co-Trustees of the Diocesan Investment Trust. On November 10, 2016, the board members of the Diocesan Investment Trust nominated Steve Barney and Jerry Cooper to each 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 & Infirm Clergy Fund Resolution

The following resolution passed without 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 \$2,637.00 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical expenses not covered through an insurance plan.

Other

Convocation Reports

Kemper - Submitted minutes from their November meeting

Metro II

Metro III - Submitted minutes from their November meeting

Metro IV - Brief meeting at convention to elect officers

West - Submitted minutes from their November 16 meeting

South - Submitted minutes from their November 18 meeting

Open Question/Comment Time

Joe Chambers brought Council up to date about all the clergy and church transitions.

Adjourn -11:27 am