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TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

**Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
February 18, 2017**

DIOCESAN COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Bishop Wayne Smith, Krista Baker, Rebecca Barger, Nancy Belcher, Rick Braznell, Barbi Click, William Cramer, Patricia Heeter, Babs Kehl-Fairchild, Al Ludwig, Todd McDowell, Margaret Rowe, Sally Weaver, Liz Yount

Ex-officio: Tom Hedrick

Staff: Desiree Viliocco, Joseph Chambers

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

Approval of Minutes – December Minutes moved, seconded and approved without correction

Financial Report – Tom Hedrick

- a. 2016 Year End
 - Receipts from Parish and Missions on target

- Surplus of \$41,000 - not our intention to have a surplus, but it's certainly welcome. Good budgeting and management coupled with no surprises is a good thing. Excess goes into unrestricted fund balance
 - Investments from the year were very good with a return of just under 9%. Our allocation and selection of funds have been favorable under the current financial climate
- b. 2017
- Nothing to note this early in the fiscal year

Bishop's Appointment to Council

The Bishop appointed Jon Hall to Diocesan Council and asked for council's approval. This appointment was approved with no objection.

Bishop's Report

- We didn't get General Convention, which is bad and good news. Bad news because it would have been exciting, but good news because the work would have been overwhelming.
- Canon Chambers updated Council on various transitions.
- The Bishop spoke about the possibility of our parishes becoming sanctuary to immigrants and refugees, which would be a good and welcome thing to offer. The Bishop will appoint Jon Stratton to take the point on this issue. The Bishop will support any parish who decides to be a sanctuary.
- Travel has been light, but this spring the Bishop will be attending the House of Bishops and the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music.
- The Bishop will be coaching Bishop-elect Jennifer Baskerville-Burroughs

Recess

After the meeting was called back into order, the following resolution was moved, seconded and approved without objection.

Resolution to Allocate Funds to St. John's, St. Louis

RESOLVED, that \$100,000 in unanticipated income from the unrestricted pool of the White Memorial Trust be allocated to fund asbestos abatement and related costs for St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Louis.

New Ventures in Community Ministry Grant – Liz Yount

Nine month evaluations were presented for the following grant recipients:

- Cathedral Housing Partnership;
- Good Shepherd Farm;

- St. John's Peace Meal;
- St. Paul's Feed and Be Fed Project; and
- Church of the Transfiguration and Trinity Laundry of Love Ministry.

Undisbursed funds will be rolled into the pool for new opportunities. The committee will meet some time in April to finalize application materials for this year's process.

Sullivan Property Resolution

The following resolution was moved, seconded and approved without objection.

Resolution to sell property in Sullivan to Sullivan Community and I.O.O.F. Cemetery Association Incorporated

RESOLVED, that the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri in its regular meeting on the 18th day of February 2017 do hereby authorize, approve, ratify and confirm the sale of the property owned by The Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri ("COEDMO") and located in Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri, and legally described as "Lot Two (2) of Episcopal Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Sullivan being part of the Southwest qr. of the Northwest qr. in Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 2 West of the 5th P.M." for a sale price of \$13,000 in accordance with the terms of the Special Sale Contract dated December 14, 2016 among John A. Glaser, Randall C. Nolie and COEDMO; and

RESOLVED further, that the President, any Vice President and the Secretary of COEDMO are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary and to take such other and further actions as may be necessary to effect the closing of the proposed sale transaction, including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of a special warranty deed and seller's affidavit; and

RESOLVED further, that all actions heretofore taken by any officer or employee of COEDMO in connection with the foregoing are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

Convocation Reports:

- a. Kemper - no meeting since last Council meeting
- b. Metro II - [no response]
- c. Metro III - submitted minutes from their February meeting; ongoing efforts to involve Trinity Desoto into the meeting structure continue
- d. Metro IV - meeting concurrently with this meeting; discussions about proposals to seek capital improvement and new ventures grants continue
- e. West - will be meeting on March 30
- f. South - [no response]

Open Question/Comment Time

Nancy Belcher encouraged congregation attendance at the next Leadership Conference and participation with the asset maps.

Discussion of Dismantling Racism conference.

Discussion of additional ways to disseminate diocesan information. Information is on the website generally for application forms and other timing issues.

Noonday Prayer

Adjourn