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**Minutes of the
Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
03 June 2017**

Members present: Nancy Belcher, Krista Baker, Barbi Click, Sally Weaver, Al Ludwig, Pat Glenn, Patricia Heeter, Liz Yount, Jon Hall, William Cramer, Barbara Kehl-Fairchild, Margaret Rowe (Vice Chair, and presider)

Staff: Desirée Viliocco, Joseph Chambers

Guest: Jim Schmersahl

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

Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2017 - Moved, seconded, approved without correction

Auditors Presentation – Jim Schmersahl, Schmersahl Treloar

Mr Schmersahl thoroughly guided Council through a draft of the financial statements and independent auditor's report. A clean audit was issued.

Acceptance of the Draft Auditor's Report was moved, seconded, and approved without objection.

Financial Report – Desirée Viliocco

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. Expenses are tracking very closely with the budget. There are no areas of concern to point out.

2018 Budget Process - Desirée Viliocco

The budget process was briefly overviewed. Questions and discussions followed regarding number 7 on the requirements (A proposed time frame for your organization to assume full financial support of the program).

Appointments to the Budget Financial Committee: The bishop appointed Liz Yount, Al Ludwig, and Tom Hedrick to serve on the Finance Committee for the 2018 Budget Process. Council approved these appointments without objection.

New Ventures in Community Ministry Grant Report – Elizabeth Yount

No applications have been submitted and the deadline is next week. After discussion about promoting and possibly extending the deadline, Council approved a motion to extend the deadline to June 23 if applications don't add up to the total amount available.

Housing Resolution

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

RESOLVED, that of the annualized total compensation to be paid to the Rev. Leslie Scoopmire in 2017 by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, \$23,757.10 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 \$23,757.10 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grants

The subcommittee for Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grants presented the parish requests and subcommittee's decisions.

Discussion regarding the policy and adherence to its requirements for eligibility resulted in a few changes.

After amending the subcommittee's recommendations, Council approved the following grants:

Church	Project	Amount Granted
CREVE COEUR, ST. TIMOTHY'S	Roof Replacement	\$8,500
ELLISVILLE, ST. MARTIN'S	Hearing loop to assist hearing-disabled	\$2,500
JEFFERSON CITY, GRACE	Pipe Organ	\$3,400
KIRKSVILLE, TRINITY	Safe wiring for 1917 portion of church	\$6,000
MANCHESTER, ST. LUKE'S	Exterior Signage Improvement Project	\$7,450
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL	Parking Lot Resurfacing Project	\$9,000
ST. LOUIS, ST. JOHN'S	Concrete and drainage repair	\$10,000
ST. LOUIS, TRINITY	Sanctuary Refurbishment	\$7,100
WEBSTER GROVES, EMMANUEL	Phase 1 HVAC Replacement	\$8,500

Review of the 177th Convention Resolutions –

Council reviewed the following resolutions from the 177th Diocesan Convention: A-177 (Recommended Standard Compensation For Stipendiary Clergy), B-177 (\$15 Minimum Wage), H-176 (Clarify clergy requirements for Cathedral Chapter), C-177 (Merger of All Saints’ Church, St. Louis and Church of the Ascension). No action required by Council

Approval of 2017-2018 Diocesan Council meeting calendar

The following dates and times were approved without objection:

Meeting times are as follows:

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 9	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
February 17	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
April 7	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
June 2	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
September 7 - 8	Council Meeting	St. Joseph Mother House, St. Louis
	<i>Preliminary Budget sent to Convocations</i>	
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
50 days prior Conv. Deadline for Nominations and Resolutions		
<i>Convocations budget feedback due to Council</i>		
October 13	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
November 16 - 17	179 th Diocesan Convention	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
December 8	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

Other Business

Disaster Relief- Nancy Belcher spoke about the work being done in response to floods, and the Diocese’s ongoing presence in disaster relief.

Convocation Reports:

- i. Kemper - Hasn't met since last Council meeting, will meet next week
- ii. Metro II - No report
- iii. Metro III - Minutes submitted
- iv. Metro IV - Minutes submitted, Jon Hall spoke about and invited others to consider two openings in a youth trip available at St. Martin's.
- v. West - Minutes submitted, meeting regularly, and close to identifying a convenor
- vi. South - No report

Open Question/Comment Time

Canon Chambers informed Council that the Diocese was named in the All Saints' lawsuit, and he also gave an update on clergy and church transitions throughout the diocese.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Chambers