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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
02 June 2018**

Members Present: Bishop Smith, Janet Thompson, Bob Taliaferro, Todd McDowell, Sondra Kekec
, Margaret Rowe, William Cramer, Babs Kehl-Fairchild, Barbi Click, Rebecca Barger, Richard Braznell, Al Ludwig, Nancy Belcher, Melanie Slane, Krista Baker (by phone), Tina Dillon

Treasurer: Tom Hedrick **Staff:** Desiree Viliocco, Joe Chambers

Guests: Jim Schmersahl, Sally Weaver

9:04 a.m. Call to Order & Opening Prayer: Bishop Smith

Auditors Presentation – Jim Schmersahl, Schmersahl Treloar

Mr. Schmersahl thoroughly guided Council through a draft of the audited COEDMO 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.

St. Francis, Eureka Request – The Rev. Sally Weaver, Vicar St. Francis' Eureka

The Rev. Sally Weaver presented a proposal to use the balance of the total pledged amount owed to the Diocese for the construction of the new building to cover the expenses of the startup of their new daycare center, totalling \$72,800.00.

The proposal was considered, discussed, and approved without objection.

Bishop's Report

- Canon Chambers gave a report on the clergy and church transitions in the Diocese.
- Bishop Smith lifted up Presiding Bishop Curry’s recent public appearances surrounded around his preaching at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.
- In preparation for the 79th General Convention, the Bishop recently attended the Theology Committee in Chicago. He will serve as a chaplain at convention during me-too listening sessions at GC. He will also serve on the Committee to Receive the Report of Resolution A169, which is a Committee to consider prayer book revision.

On April 26, the Bishop announced his resignation to Standing Committee. The transition will take place over two years, and his last day as bishop will be on the day the Eleventh bishop of Missouri is ordained. The Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley visited with Standing Committee and the Bishop’s Staff to go over the details of what a bishop search should look like.

10:20 a.m. Break

Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2018 - Moved, seconded and approved without objection.

Financial Report – Tom Hedrick

Tom presented financial reports through April 30, 2018. We are on target and nothing is unusual at this point.

2019 Budget Process - Desiree Viliocco

The budget process was briefly overviewed. No changes have been made from the previous year. Budget requests are due in to the Diocesan Office no later than July 16, 2018.

2018 Budget Finance Committee Appointed - The bishop appointed Sondra Kekec, Al Ludwig, and Tom Hedrick to serve on the Finance Committee for the 2019 Budget Process.

New Ventures in Community Ministry Grant Report – Al Ludwig

Deadline for applications is approaching. The more applications the better.

Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grants

The following grants were approved by Council without objection

	Project Total	Grant Request	Approved by Council
CAPE GIRARDEAU, CHRIST	\$10,187	\$5,093	\$4,000
Lift Replacement & Light Project			

COLUMBIA, CALVARY	\$13,373	\$6,687	\$0
Kitchen Safety & Efficiency Restoration			
ELLISVILLE, ST. MARTIN'S	\$6,071	\$3,035	\$3,000
Replacement of Handicap Ramp			
FLORISSANT, ST. BARNABAS	\$43,009	\$10,000	\$10,000
Parking Lot Renovation			
KIRKWOOD, GRACE	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$0
Narthex Bathroom Renovation			
ST. LOUIS, CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL	\$75,367	\$10,000	\$3,500
Redecorating of Public Meeting Spaces			
ST. LOUIS, ST. JOHN'S	\$16,460	\$10,000	\$6,000
Sanctuary North Doors, Exterior			
ST. LOUIS, ST. PAUL'S	\$30,834	\$10,000	\$10,000
Asbestos & Lead Abatement			
ST. LOUIS, TRINITY	\$18,640	\$9,320	\$4,427
Various Capital Improvements			
SULLIVAN, ST. JOHN & ST. JAMES	\$1,675	\$838	\$838
Front Door Railings			

TOTALS

**Requests:
\$74,973**

**Granted:
\$41,765**

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Requests

The following resolutions were approved 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 \$3,942.29 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with medical 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 \$1,304.96 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 04/30/2018: \$1,664,086

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.

Review of the 178th Convention Resolutions – Council reviewed Resolutions passed by the 178th Convention to determine if any Council action was required. After a short discussion, it was determined no action was required. (A-178, B-178, C178, D178)

Approval of 2019 Diocesan Council meeting calendar

Dec. 8	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
Feb. 16	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
Apr. 16	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	Convocation Meetings	TBD by Convocation
Jun. 1	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	Convocation Meetings	TBD by Convocation
Sep. 6- 7	Council Meeting	St. Joseph Mother House, 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	
Oct. 12	Council Meeting	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	Convocation Meetings	TBD by Convocation
Nov. 22-23	179th Diocesan Convention	Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

Other Business

Discussion on Prop A, Yes on Raise Up Missouri, and Yes on CLEAN Missouri Information

While it is out of Diocesan Council's standard procedures to pass a resolution supporting ballot measures, it did voice its support of the Bishop endorsing these initiatives.

Convocations:

Reports

- i. Kemper
- ii. Metro II
- iii. Metro III - Meeting next week
- iv. Metro IV- No report
- v. West- Minutes submitted, a coordinator has been appointed.
- vi. South- Nothing to report.

Open Question/Comment Time

Adjourn