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TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

**Meeting as
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
October 13, 2018**

Members Present: Margaret Rowe, Pat Glenn, William Cramer, Babs Kehl-Fairchild, Al Ludwig, Barbi Click, Rebecca Barger, Todd McDowell, and Krista Baker (by phone)

Treasurer: Tom Hedrick

Staff: Desiree Brattin, Joe Chambers

Call to Order & Opening Prayer: 9:06 a.m. Margaret Rowe

Approval of Minutes: September 7-8, 2018 Meeting - Approved without amendment

Year to Date Financial Report: Mr. Tom Hedrick, Treasurer and Ms. Desirée Brattin, Executive Director of Finance and Administration

- Not much has changed since the last report, current deficit of \$51,481, which is not unusual for this time of year due to the timing of income and expenses
- Some expected over/under budget items but expected to balance generally

Final action on Budget:

Budget input from Convocations

Feedback from convocations: Kemper had a long and detailed conversation on the connection between how we spend our money and our mission as a church. The input from Kemper was to make a stronger connection between the Diocesan mission and how it spends money.

An additional financial request of \$5,000 was sent in by Church of the Good Shepherd, but that request was denied by the Council.

Adoption of proposed 2019 budget- Approved without objection

New Ventures in Community Ministry – Presentation by Mr. Al Ludwig

Total requests: \$61,423.

Christ/Cape Girardeau (Red Door Jubilee Center - \$6,000)

- Two projects – “Lock It for Love” and “Safe Space Cape & Cape Pflag”
- Lock It for Love
 - Program supplies gun locks to be provided by volunteers.
 - Funds (\$2,650) would be used to purchase the locks (approximately 530 gun locks).
- Safe Space Cape & Cape Pflag
 - Focusing on LGBTQ+ youth in the community
 - Funds (\$3,350) would be utilized to expand the program to include weekly meeting opportunities in a dedicated physical space and activities for the community.
 - Includes purchase of entertainment items, games, furnishings, books and Audio/Video equipment.
 - Funds would be used for outreach as well (materials are \$500)
- Oversight would be provided by the vestry, Edie Bird, and joint oversight with the Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice organization.

Episcopal City Mission (ECM expansion plan - \$10,300)

- Serves youths in the St. Louis Metro juvenile justice system
- Plan is to expand services to additional department of youth service locations (Hogan Street, Babler Lodge, Hillsboro, Riverview)
- To add educational program locations for a day treatment program and Project Learn
- Costs are to fund personnel, including an existing executive director, expansion of current staff hours or hiring of a new chaplain, and to fund a consultant to develop and implement an evaluation project, as well as a new laptop and miscellaneous program materials

Holy Cross/Poplar Bluff (Community Center - \$25,000)

- Program is intended to reach elderly population, children and other community members in need within the Popular Bluff area.
- Intended to “become the nucleus by which programs such as food, socializing for the aging, a place to mentor young people, and provide wellness services”.
- Much of the total budget (almost \$15,000) is allocated for equipment purchases, apparently for a new kitchen; it is not clear where the rest of the budget is allocated.
- Dedicated personnel are contemplated, all volunteer

St. Paul's/Carondelet (“Outside In” - \$11,569)

- Program is intended to reach immigrants, those who rely on public transit, teenagers in the neighborhood, and those struggling with food insecurity (squarely within the intended community ministry purposes of the grant)
- Working with Carondelet United Church of Christ and Connection United Methodist Church, with volunteer leaders lined up
- 5 prong approach to expand the community outreach begun with the BBQ program:
 - Neighborhood BBQs and food sharing;
 - Open hospitality house for laundry and shower;

- Create youth ministry by opening doors/wifi (bring in youth minister);
- Open the building for addiction support, yoga, clubs, continuing education;
- Improve signage and hospitality at church bench at bus stop.
- Other sources tapped to make in-kind donations for food.

Trinity/CWE (Food Ministry - \$8,554)

- Support for Trinity Art Club “Pray , Eat, and Art Project”, an existing program now seeking second year of support
- TAC is looking to compile work to be displayed at a future art show
- Funds to support a new continuing arts instructor, art supplies and a manager for two hours a week
- Supported by individual donations and in-kind services from local vendors
- Also supported by parishioner volunteers

Council accepted the committee’s proposal, and adopted their recommendations for these 5 programs without objection.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Resolutions

The following resolutions were 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 \$469.15 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with dental 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 of COEDMO: that a grant in the amount of \$1,533.88 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 09/30/2018: \$1,725,300

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 spouses and children of Clergy. Per Diocesan Canon, the Trustees of COEDMO shall receive, consider and grant or deny applications for relief.

2019 Health Insurance update- Desiree Brattin gave an update on the health insurance plans being offered in the Diocese.

Discussion followed on the following agenda items:

- a. Council's written report to Convention
- b. Council members attendance at Convention
- c. An update on Convention Resolutions by Title
- d. Report on Nominations

Other

Convocations Reports -

Kemper - Report submitted

Metro II

Metro III - Report submitted

Metro IV - Report submitted

West

South

Open Question Time

Noonday Prayer, led by Barbi Click

Adjourn at 10:30 a.m.