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Trustees of the Corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

Meeting as

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

**Christ Church Cathedral
St. Louis, MO
01 June 2019**

Members Present: Margaret Rowe, Emily Hillquist Davis, Liz Yount, Pat Glenn, Bill Cramer, Scott Ferguson, Sondra Kekec, Janet Thompson, Chris Sturgeon, Lyn Ballard, Renee Fenner, Marvin Foltz

Treasurer: Tom Hedrick

Staff: Desiree Brattin, Joe Chambers

Guest: Jim Schmersahl from Schmersahl Treloar & Co.

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

Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2019 & April 29, 2019

- Approved with the correction on April 29, Hillquist Davis is misspelled.

Auditors Presentation – Mr. Jim Schmersahl, Schmersahl Treloar

Mr. Schmersahl thoroughly guided Council through a draft of the audited 2018 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.

Financial Report – Mr. Tom Hedrick and Ms. Desirée Brattin

Mr. Hedrick explained the relation between the audit and year to date financials. Nothing unusual to report on April year to date financial statements. The income lag is typical.

Mr. Hedrick explained to Council the investment portfolios and how they are managed.

2020 Budget Process

The budget process was briefly overviewed. No changes have been made from the previous year. Budget requests are due into the Diocesan Office no later than July 15, 2019. Once the requests are received, the bishop, senior staff, treasurer, and finance committee review the requests before they are presented to Council as recommendations.

Bishop's Sabbatical Settlement

Mr. Hedrick presented a sabbatical settlement resolution to Council that was passed without objection.

Bishop Search & Transition Budget

A draft budget for the bishop search and transition was presented and approved by Council following discussion.

New Ventures in Community Ministry Grant Report – Ms. Liz Yount

The grant process is on track. The invitation letter has been sent out and has been communicated to the Diocese. \$145,000 is available for grants for this year's process.

The committee has received reports from churches who have received grants in previous years.

This August we will ask for 6-month reports for grants from 2018 and will report at the September meeting.

Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grants

Bill Cramer reported on the Church Assistance Endowment Fund grant requests. Request received roughly doubled the amount available. The committee set priority standards based on safety, immediacy of the project and available financial resources.

The following grants were recommended by the committee for Council to approve:

Calvary, Columbia: \$7,930

Trinity, Desoto: \$10,000

Trinity, Hannibal: \$3,530

Grace, Jefferson City: \$5,262

Trinity, Kirksville: \$4,683

St. Mark's, Portland: \$5,060

Good Shepherd, Town and Country: \$6,035

Total grants: \$42,500

Council approved the recommendations without objection.

Break 10:20 -10:30 a.m.

Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Requests

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 \$1,706.77 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with out of pocket medical expenses.

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 \$3,248.00 be awarded from the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund to assist a clergyperson with out of pocket orthodontia expenses.

Fund balance as of 04/30/2019: \$1,714,600

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.

Bowman Estate Gift

With much joy and appreciation, it was reported that the Diocese of Missouri received an unrestricted gift from the estate of Donald and Margie Bowman in the amount of \$161,178.53. The gift has been placed in the DIT Unrestricted Fund.

Review of the 179th Convention Resolutions – Check for Council action items (A-179, B-179, C-179, D-179, E-179, and F-179)

No action required

Approval of 2020 Diocesan Council meeting calendar

The following calendar was approved without objection:

December 7 Council Meeting		Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
February 15 Council Meeting		Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
April 4 Council Meeting		Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
June 6 Council Meeting		Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
September 11-12 Council Meeting		Location to be determined
	<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 10 Council Meeting		Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
	<i>Convocation Meetings</i>	<i>TBD by Convocation</i>
November 20 - 21	181st Diocesan Convention	Christ Church Cathedral,
St. Louis		
December 12 Council Meeting		Christ Church Cathedral,
St. Louis		

Other Business

Convocations:

Reports

- Kemper
- Metro II
- Metro III - Dan Handschy announced retirement. Grace, Kirkwood is having a successful capital campaign. St. Thomas is growing. An effort will be made to reach out to Trinity, DeSoto.
- Metro IV - Looking forward to electing a president. The Good Shepherd and St. Luke's partnership is working out well.
- West - Minutes submitted. Natural disasters are widespread with flooding and tornadoes.
- South - Minutes submitted. Met in April. Things are going well, but geography is challenging.

Adjournment at 10:55 a.m.