

Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council
Minutes October 5,
2019 10:00 a.m.
St. Bartholomew's, Pewaukee

Present: The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller; Mr. Clyde Bachand, Diocesan Treasurer, by phone; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Grieser; Mr. Ron Johnson, the Rev. Scott Leannah, President of the Standing Committee; the Rev. Joel Prather; the Rev. Scott Seefeldt; the Rev. Debra Trakel; Mr. John Washbush; Ms. Janice Watter, Vice- President of Executive Council

Others present: Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director, Trustees of Funds and Endowments

Absent: Canon Peggy Bean, Canon for Congregations, The Rev. Kate Byrd; the Very Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski; Mr. Peter Larson, Ms. Kristen Wold and ex-officio member (attendance is optional): the Rev. Ian Burch, President, Commission on Ministry

At 10:02 a.m. Bishop Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Business Meeting

Action Items

Approval of September minutes

Bishop Miller asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the minutes of the September 7, 2019 Executive Council Meeting.

***The Rev. Scott Seefeldt moved and Mr. Ron Johnson seconded the approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Transition Expenses

Bishop Miller summarized the current situation:

- possible transition expenses will be \$200,000.00
- currently only \$75,000.00 has been budgeted
- rather than re-write the budget, the diocesan treasurer, the finance committee and Bishop Miller suggest using \$125,000.00 of unrestricted funds

Discussion included:

- solution is good and healthy
- solution is clear and transparent
- the solution will be added as in informational item on the current budget

Because the solution was presented by committee, no second was needed.

***The vote to accept the current budget with the transitional expense piece added as an informational item was approved unanimously.

Finance Treasurer's Reports

The audit report was distributed. A number of questions surfaced regarding cash basis, accrual vs. not accrual. Since the report was just received and Mr. Clyde Bachand was participating in the conversation by phone, the discussion of the audit was tabled until the November EC meeting.

Reports and Updates

The Rev. Jonathan Grieser reported on the current status of the Haiti Project:

- a work in progress with many challenges
- a positive first fundraising experience
- They are moving forward through the changes.

Bishop Miller noted the importance of this ministry.

Mr. John Washbush summarized the change to the first pair of resolutions, two versions of the same plan—to create affiliated organizations. A 3-4 sentence will be submitted, allowing clarity and flexibility.

The Rev. Scott Leannah, President of the Standing Committee reported that:

- the SC was in conversation with Bishop Miller regarding his separation package
- the SC had unanimously selected a consultant and were waiting for her letter of acceptance

Bishop Miller's Report Updates:

Christ Baptist Church (formerly St. Nicholas, Racine)

- is current in their payments.

St. Andrew's, Kenosha

- is listed

DeKoven

- will begin making payments
- are in a period of transition with Mr. Max Dersheim retiring

Lazarus House

- needs a lot of work
- decision: sell? donate? land contract?
- issue—it is a continuous property

St. Luke's, Whitewater

- goal: sell as soon as possible

Canon's Report – In drop box

- several parishes with challenges were noted

A final discussion regarding upcoming changes in staffing at Nicholson House occurred.

- It was noted that Canon Peggy Bean would be going part-time in January.
- The possibility of an interim Canon to the Ordinary was suggested

Final Item:

The next meeting is November 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Margaret (Marge) M. Kiss
Executive Secretary & Recorder of the Minutes

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Appendix II

2019 Norms for Executive Council Meetings as amended at the January meeting

Begin with prayer Start and

end on time

Receive and Review material one week ahead of time of meeting Respectful
communication

Assume good/best intentions

Seek to model reconciliation

Look for the best in others

Give the best we have

Gentleness first

Recuse oneself, leave the room and abstain from matters in which one has conflict of interest

Respect the “confidential nature” of the discussion (Identify if confidential) All responsible
for the process at the table; Pay attention/Be actively engaged

All members of Executive Council are authorized to raise their hand, to call for a pause in the
process, and to ask for a moment of prayer from the Bishop

We are always The Church.