

Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
September 12, 2020 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Roll Call was taken.

Present: The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller; Ms. D’Arcy Becker; the Rev. Steve Capitelli; Ms. Joann Faull; the Rev. Kevin Huddleston, Canon for Finance and Administration; Mr. Ron Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; Mr. Peter Larson; the Rev. Scott Leannah, President of the Standing Committee; the Rev. Joel Prather, Vice-President of the Executive Council; the Rev. Scott Seefeldt; the Rev. Debra Trakel, Mr. John Vogel and Mr. John Washbush

Others present: Canon Peggy Bean, Canon for Congregations and Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments

Guests: Ms. Liz Orelup, Esq., vice chancellor, and
Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq., vice chancellor

Absent: Mr. Clyde Bachand, Diocesan Treasurer; and the ex-officio member (attendance is optional): the Rev. Ian Burch, President of Commission on Ministry

At 9:33 a.m. Bishop Miller called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

August Minutes

Bishop Miller asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of August 8, 2020. Mr. John Washbush moved and the Rev. Steve Capitelli seconded that the August 8, 2020 Executive Council minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

State of Finances

The Rev, Kevin Huddleston, Canon for Finance and Administration, reported that:
--he is 12 days into his new position—Canon for Finance **and** Administration
--assessments appear one month behind, but it is due to posting
--currently, the diocese is below budget approximately \$40,000.00
--still only four parishes have requested the pro-offered month’s waiver of assessment totaling about \$20,000.00
--the monies from the sale of the St. Edmund’s, Mequon property are still with TFE

Treasurer Report

Though there was no treasurer report, Bishop Miller expressed his appreciation for Mr. Clyde Bachand’s service. A resolution expressing that gratitude will be part of the Courtesy Resolutions at the convention. Bishop Miller also explained that Mr. Michael Weber has been nominated for the position of treasurer; his service as coordinator of the new financial review process has shown him to be supportive and reliable.

Task Force Updates

Constitution and Canons – Mr. John Washbush

Mr. Washbush noted that due to his work with the diocesan on-line Sunday services and the

upcoming virtual convention, no further work was done on the Constitution and Canons.

DeKoven Center – Mr. John Vogel

Mr. Vogel reported that, though there was a strong beginning to DeKoven Center discussions, several circumstances have occurred, in particular the death of the Rev. Dr. Steven Peay, that have delayed any further progress.

Haiti Project Report – written

The Rev. Steve Capitelli called attention to:

--financial issues continue to be a struggle

--Mr. Carl Eschweiler is retiring.

--Mr. Jonathon Cushman will be re-joining the Steering Committee and will take over the bookkeeping function.

--Ms. Ellen Allison was elected to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee.

--a courtesy resolution honoring Carl & Mary Alice Eschweiler and possibly other founding and long serving members of the Haiti Project will be put forward at the Diocesan Convention.

Chancellor's Report

Though there was no chancellor's report, Bishop Miller explained that Mr. Stuart Parsons, Esq. is retiring, and expressed that the diocese is grateful for his long-standing service. Bishop Miller also announced that Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq. was taking on the role of the next chancellor of the diocese.

Canon for Congregational Development Report – written

Canon Peggy Bean called attention to the call sheets that include Executive Council members checking in with the congregations.

Bishop Miller's Report -- written

Bishop Miller particularly noted items to follow up on:

--former Lazarus House

--Camp Webb

--celebration of the 175th anniversary

Bishop Miller also noted items to explore:

--reunion of the Wisconsin dioceses

--number of deputies to convention

--status of congregations (parishes or missions)

The Mr. Peter Larson moved and Mr. John Vogel seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

***Mr. John Washbush submitted a motion to transfer the proceeds from the sale of St. Edmund's, Elm Grove to the Permanent Development Fund. Ms. Jill Heller noted that more clarification was needed. The Rev. Kevin Huddleston stated that it would be taken up at the finance committee meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

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

Immediate Items for follow-up:

- loan policy
- 175th Anniversary
- policy and procedure

Appendix I

2020 Meeting Dates — Executive Council via ZOOM

November 7th

Appendix II

2020 Norms for Executive Council Meetings

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 a 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.