

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
August 3, 2021 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Bishop Jeffrey Lee, the Rev. Joel Prather, Vice-President of the Executive Council; Mr. Mike Weber, Diocesan Treasurer; the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller, President of the Standing Committee; Ms. D'Arcy Becker; the Rev. Steve Capitelli; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; Mr. Peter Larson; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright; Ms. Janice Pauc; Mr. John Vogel and Mr. John Washbush

Others present: The Rev. Dr. Kevin Huddleston, Canon for Finance and Administration; the Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries; Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments and Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq., Chancellor

Absent: the Rev. Scott Seefeldt and the ex-officio member (attendance is optional): the Rev. Ian Burch, President of Commission on Ministry

At 6:31 p.m. the Rev. Joel Prather called the meeting to order and offered a prayer.

June and July, 2021 EC Minutes

The Rev. Joel Prather asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of June 1, 2021 and July 14, 2021.

***Mr. John Vogel moved and Mr. Mike Weber seconded that the Executive Council minutes of June 1, 2021 and July 14, 2021 be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Report -- Bishop Jeffery Lee

Bishop Jeff Lee reported that:

- The final service at Portage was celebrated
- The bishop's visitation schedule is available
- St James', West Bend will be celebrating its 150th anniversary
- There is a clergy day in September and retreat days in October
- The October convention will be virtual

Updates – The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller, President of the Standing Committee

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller reported that:

- There was nothing to report from the Renewal Task Force; it had not met.
- Meetings regarding Haiti are going forward to clearly develop the committee's mission for the 21st Century

Election – Rep. to the Inaugural Tri-Diocesan Meeting – The Rev. Joel Prather, VP

The Rev. Joel Prather reminded the EC of the invitation from the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, bishop of Fond du Lac, to a Tri-Diocesan Meeting. Bishop Jeff Lee noted that Bishop Gunter had appointed Mr. Matthew Payne to coordinate the initial reunification meeting.

***Ms. D'Arcy Becker moved and the Rev. Steve Capitelli seconded that Mr. John Vogel serve as one of the representatives from the Milwaukee diocese.

A discussion ensued.

***As a result of the discussion, a friendly amendment was offered by the Rev. Scott Leannah and seconded by Mr. Peter Larson that Mr. John Vogel would serve as the

diocesan representative and the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller would be appointed by Bishop Jeff Lee, to attend by virtue of her role as president of the Standing Committee. The motion passed.

Ministries – Canon Scott Leannah

Canon Scott Leannah gave a list of parishes in the process of calling a priest.

He noted that:

- He is in the process of developing a Diocesan Resource Team and a Congregational Support Team
- He is working with the Diaconal Formation Program.
- Once a month, he supplies at one of the parishes currently looking for/needing direction and support.

Finance and Administration – Canon Kevin Huddleston

Canon Kevin Huddleston submitted, to the EC, the request from St. Boniface, Mequon, for an assessment reduction.

A discussion ensued regarding its terms and its ramifications both positive and negative.

***Mr. Peter Larson moved and Ms. D'Arcy Becker seconded that effective January 1, 2021 the assessment for St. Boniface, Mequon be reduced to \$20,000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

He presented, to the EC, the 2022 Clergy Minimum Compensation developed by him and the finance committee. They recommended that the EC approve submitting it to the convention for adoption.

***As a motion from a committee, it does not need a second,

After clarification of specific terms in the document, the EC approved submitting the 2022 Clergy Minimum Compensation to the convention for its adoption.

He also reported that:

- An exciting announcement regarding the Hospitality Center was pending
- There will be an announcement, at the convention, regarding a Diocesan Treasurer Training Program
- Health insurance costs are being investigated
- Dates for and topics of warden and treasurer meetings are in drop box

July Financial Report – Mr. Mike Weber, Treasurer

Mr. Mike Weber reported that 100% of the parishes are current with their assessments!!!

He also reported that the diocese is @\$23,000.00 over budget in income; the diocese is significantly under budget due to two accounts: the Office of the Bishop and Camp Webb

Final Thoughts:

Mr. John Vogel reminded the EC of a previous invitation to meet or spend time at DeKoven. Possible configurations are under review.

Bishop Jeff blessed and Deacon Marge dismissed the EC members

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Margaret (Marge) M. Kiss

Executive Secretary & Recorder of the Minutes

Appendix I

2021 Meeting Dates --Executive Council Tuesday at 6:30p.m. via
ZOOM

Tentative meeting dates.

September 14th (pushed back for Labor Day)

no October meeting / Convention

November 2nd

no December meeting

Appendix II

2021 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.