

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
August 2, 2022 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Bishop Jeffrey Lee; Ms. Janice Pauc, 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; the Rev. Don Fleischman; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright, President of Commission on Ministry; Ms. Judith Miller; Mr. Roger Mukasa and the Rev. Debra Trakel

Others present: The Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries; Ms. Caroline Senn, Financial Controller; and Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq., Chancellor

Absent: The Rev. Joel Prather; Mr. John Vogel and Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments

Guest: Ms. Catherine Parrill

At 6:31 p.m. Bishop Jeff Lee called the meeting to order and led the EC in prayer.

June 7, 2022 EC Minutes

Bishop Lee asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the June 7, 2022 EC meeting. Hearing nothing, the minutes were approved as presented.

Haiti Partnership – New Model

Bishop Lee:

- reviewed briefly the history of the Haiti project
- named the Haiti Partnership Strategic Review Team – Dr. John Johnson, point person with the Rev. Roger Mukasa and the Rev. Steve Capitelli
- saw the need to move to the ABCD's – Asset Based Community Development

Bishop Lee stated: "The question is not, 'What do you need?' but, 'What do you have?'"

He called on Ms. Caroline Senn, the Financial Controller, to continue the presentation.

Strategic Direction and Program Planning (Haiti)

Ms. Caroline Senn, the Financial Controller, noted a concern -- if we continue with the Haiti project how do we do it better?

She recommended the following:

- moving from raising funds to support the community to using the funds to enable the community to help themselves
- entering a planning stage with the two major entities DOM and APSHA
- approving a resolution investing \$50,000.00 to execute the planning

Many members spoke with appreciation for and in favor of the proposed new model, a new intentional opportunity to work with Haiti.

Several concerns were expressed especially regarding sensitivity to the transition language, the need to be thoughtful and non-judgmental in presenting the new model.

Rev. Roger Mukasa highlighted in his response the overall feeling – “encouraged, worried but optimistic.”

***The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller moved that the Executive Council approve the investment of \$USD 50,000, from the unused Lambeth account, as set out in the budget included in this document to execute a 5-month planning study via APSHA that will determine the future programs our Diocese will support. The Rev. Debra Trakel seconded the motion.

The Rev. Scott Leannah asked for Ms. Catherine Parrill’s opinion regarding the proposed way forward.

Ms. Catherine Parrill, who has a long term relationship with Haiti, having lived and worked there for decades, commended the EC for not only “leading the way, but for also providing a model.” She said that she would continue on as consultant to the Haiti Partnership.

The motion carried.

The Rev. Steve Capitelli wondered about approval of a contract between the entities involved: DOM and APSHA. Mr. Mark Ehrmann, diocesan chancellor, said that a contract would be developed once the planning phase was concluded.

Ms. D’Arcy Becker wondered about EC oversight of the planning study. Ms. Caroline Senn stated that, at the end of the 5 months, there would be a report back from the team.

Housing Resolution

Ms. Caroline Senn, the Financial Controller, asked that the minutes reflect a \$1,000.00, **on a monthly basis**, amendment to the housing resolution for the Rev. Scott Leannah effective as of this date August 2, 2022. This change will be incorporated in the next approval of housing resolutions.

Approval of the Commission on Global Reconciliation Grants

Ms. Caroline Senn brought to the EC the request from the Rev. Carol Smith and the Commission on Global Reconciliation to approve this year’s allocation of the 0.07% from the diocesan budget for the Sustainable Development Goals.

--The amount allocated is \$13,760,00.

--The recommended allocations are:

1. **\$7760.00** to furnish St. Raphael’s Dispensary in Luatala, Diocese of Newala, Tanzania.
2. **\$4000.00** to finish the exterior walls of St. John’s Anglican parish church Diocese of Lweru,
3. **\$2000.00** to contribute to the ministry of Thistle Farms whose founder is our featured speaker for the Diocesan Convention.

***The Rev. Don Fleischman moved that the requested allocations of the funds for the Sustainable Development Goals be approved as presented. The Rev. Pippa Lindwright seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Update on Trialogue

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller noted that the committee had not met and therefore there really was nothing to report.

Final Thoughts

Bishop Lee reported that:

- In October there will be a **Tri**-Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Holy Wisdom.
- In Spring there will be a Jamboree for **all** three diocesan members to begin the “blending” process.
- There is a new deacon in the diocese – the Rev. Lynn Zobel was ordained July 30, 2022 at All Saints Cathedral, Milwaukee.

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller gave the closing prayer.

Bishop Lee gave the blessing.

Deacon Marge said the dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Margaret (Marge) M. Kiss

Executive Secretary & Recorder of the Minutes

Additional Note:

Via e-mail Ms. Janice Pauc stated that the next EC meeting will be on September 6th. She also noted that there is no meeting in October due to the diocesan convention. The November meeting is November 1st – All Saint’s Day.

Appendix I

2022 Executive Council Meeting Dates -- First Tuesday at 6:30p.m. via
ZOOM

September 6th or 13th (Labor Day is the 5th)

November 1st

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.