

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
June 7, 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; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright, President of Commission on Ministry; Ms. Judith Miller; Mr. Roger Mukasa; the Rev. Debra Trakel and Mr. John Vogel

Others present: Ms. Caroline Senn, Financial Controller; Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments and Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq., Chancellor

Absent: The Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries; the Rev. Don Fleischman and the Rev. Joel Prather

Guest: The Rev. Seth Raymond

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

May 3, 2022 EC Minutes

Deacon Marge Kiss asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the May 3, 2022 EC meeting. The minutes were amended, correcting Under Special Moments for EC members, **Rev. Steve Capitelli's** ~~Mr. John Vogel's~~ son getting married (the same day as the Celebration of New Ministry for Father Fleischman)

Request RE: Hospitality Center Bylaws

The Rev. Seth Raymond gave a brief background and rationale for changes to the Hospitality Center bylaws requested by the HC board:

--That Article I.E. be changed to require a minimum of six directors.

--That Article III.B. be added to the bylaws: Affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and

--That Article III.D.5. be added to the bylaws: *At least three members of the Board of Directors shall be active members of ELCA congregations within the Greater Milwaukee Synod. In the case one or more of these seats are vacated, they will be filled within three months. The board will retain authority to act while these seats are filled.*

Questions regarding the history and current life of the Hospitality Center were addressed.

***Mr. John Vogel moved that the above presented changes to the bylaws of the Hospitality Center be approved. Dr. John Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Updates on Trialogue

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller focused on:

--the role of the steering committee

--the only current question -- reunification

Update from the Canon for Ministries

Bishop Lee stated that, although the Canon for Ministries was not at the meeting, his report was in drop box. Bishop Lee especially noted and strongly recommended the council read the other paper Father Scott Leannah submitted to drop box: Assisting parishes: re-development status and Canon 8

Finances

Ms. Caroline Senn, the Financial Controller, gave a detailed report regarding the work of the finance office and why certain areas of finance were not available for review at this meeting, primarily, lack of accuracy.

Her goals:

- by June, a balance sheet with accurate information
- by the end of the year, a clean Chart of Accounts

Haiti Update

Dr. John Johnson, as point person of the Haiti Project Committee, introduced the other current members: the Rev. Roger Mukasa and the Rev. Steve Capitelli.

He then noted that the committee is in the process of discerning the pathway forward.

He requested that the EC approve funding for the school for the next 12 months as a “cushion” during the time of discernment.

***The Rev. Steve Capitelli moved that The Executive Council resolve that the EDOM continue to fund the FOUNDATION partnership with Jeanette Haiti for the 2022 / 2023 school year while the best way forward for EDOM was determined. Mr. Michael Weber seconded the motion.

Detailed discussion followed.

The motion carried.

Final Thoughts

Bishop Lee asked for prayers for:

- The Rt. Rev. Edwin Leidel, Jr. who died June 5th (Pentecost Sunday). His funeral is June 18th at Christ Church Episcopal Church, Whitefish Bay.
- The clergy traveling to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area on the Canadian border in northern Minnesota.

Bishop Lee gave the closing prayer and blessing.

Deacon Marge said the dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Margaret (Marge) M. Kiss

Executive Secretary & Recorder of the Minutes

Appendix I

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

August 2nd

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.