

Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
July 2, 2019 4:00 p.m. Conference Call

Present: The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller; Mr. Clyde Bachand, Diocesan Treasurer; Ms. Kada Bush; The Rev. Kate Byrd; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Grieser; the Very Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski; Mr. Ron Johnson, Mr. Peter Larson, 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 and Ms. Kristen Wold

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

Absent: Ex-officio member (attendance is optional): the Rev. Ian Burch, President, Commission on Ministry

At 4:06 p.m. Bishop Miller called for a roll call; all were present.

Approval of May minutes

Bishop Miller asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the minutes of the May 4, 2019 Executive Council Meeting.

***The Very Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski moved and Mr. Ron Johnson seconded the approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Bishop Miller led the Executive Council in prayer.

Finance Officer and Treasurer's Report

Budget

Per Ms. Marlene Udovich:

- It is the final draft of the budget.
- There are a few changes because additional parochial reports were turned in.
- It is a balanced budget.

Ms. Marlene Udovich asked that the Executive Council approve the budget.

Discussion primarily focused on having sufficient funds in reserve for the transition (calling the next Bishop)

- \$73,000.00 currently budgeted; is that enough?
- Barebones actual cost of previous transition was \$150,000.00; it was underfunded.
- Possible options—raise assessments, sell properties
- Needs to be referred to the finance committee for strategic planning

***Mr. Clyde Bachand moved to accept the final budget and to present it to the diocesan convention. Mr. Peter Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Grieser moved that a directive be given from the Executive Council to the finance committee to study the reserved funding for the transition to the next bishop and to report back to the Executive Council at our next meeting in September. The Rev. Debra Trakel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bishop Miller called on Canon Peggy Bean to present her request for funding for St. Peter's, West Allis.

Canon Peggy Bean explained that:

- The Commission on Mission and Development is working with St. Peter's, West Allis in redevelopment.
- They plan to call a Full-time priest, but as part of the package, they want to offer a rectory.
- The current rectory is not near the church and it is in need of repairs.
- The current rectory building was appraised at @\$170,000.00.

Canon Peggy Bean is asking the Executive Council to approve a short term emergency loan of \$175,000.00 to purchase a house close to the church to serve as the future rectory. She noted that the loan would be repaid on the sale of the current rectory. She further noted that "time is of the essence."

Discussion focused on the following issues:

- The current loan policy was not followed; there is no emergency loan policy.
- Lack of time and documentation for the Executive Council to be able to do "due diligence."
- No approval from the Standing Committee for a sale or for an encumbrance.
- No specific plan for the use of the house, newly purchased, until a priest is called.
- Nothing in writing; too many dangling modifiers.
- Will they have enough money?

It was determined that the Executive Council could not give approval of a loan at this time, but that a less formal note of support would be possible.

***Mr. John Washbush moved and it was seconded that the Executive Council is with St. Peter's, West Allis in concept and that to facilitate putting an offer on a house, they would not have to disclose/ list the contingency of a current house for sale. The motion carried.

It was also determined that a future conference call meeting regarding the loan request would be in order.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next regular EC meeting is September 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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

Appendix I

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST.
BARTHOLOMEW'S, PEWAUKEE**

Future Meeting Dates for 2019 Executive Council

September 7, 2019	10 AM
October 5, 2019	10 AM
November 2, 2019	10 AM

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.