

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
March 2, 2021 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

Roll Call was taken.

Present: The Rev. Joel Prather, Vice-President of the Executive Council; Mr. Mike Weber, Diocesan Treasurer; the Rev. Scott Leannah, President of the Standing Committee; Ms. D'Arcy Becker; the Rev. Steve Capitelli; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright; Ms. Janice Pauc; the Rev. Scott Seefeldt; Mr. John Vogel and Mr. John Washbush

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

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

At 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Joel Prather called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

February Minutes

The Rev. Joel Prather asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of February 2, 2021 Executive Council minutes.

***The Rev. Steve Capitelli moved and Mr. John Vogel seconded that the February 2, 2021 Executive Council minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried.

Trustees of Funds & Endowments

The Rev. Geoff Ward, President, Trustees of Funds & Endowments, expressed his appreciation for Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director, for her talent and for the strides made under her direction. He delineated his goals and current intentional focus for Trustees of Funds & Endowments.

In response to a question regarding aide to struggling parishes, he noted that there are no monies specific for aide in TFE, but that there are monies in funds that can be reallocated.

Standing Committee Report

The Rev. Scott Leannah, President of the Standing Committee, requested an Executive Session.

At 6:50, without objection, the Council went into Executive Session.

At 6:55, the Council moved out of Executive Session.

The Rev. Scott Leannah continued with his report noting that:

--members of the Standing Committee continue to call parish leadership and the diocesan office, to be proactive, if financial assistance is needed

--the Standing Committee is working with the Way Forward Task Force to move toward offering in-person worship soon

The Executive Council expressed appreciation to the Rev. Scott Leannah for all his and the work of the Standing Committee. A prayer for him and the Standing Committee was led by the Rev. Pedro Lara.

Finance Reports

The Rev. Kevin Huddleston, Canon for Finance and Administration, presented:

- the current loan policy
- the current loan process
- the special loan reduction program

He noted that the policy and process are under review.

He also noted that formalized Memorandum of Agreements have been prepared for St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Milwaukee; St. Francis House, Madison and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Racine. Unfortunately, they were misfiled in dropbox.

Mr. Mike Weber, Treasurer, noted that "we are still solvent."

- 2 months of operating funds in the checking account
- 4 months of operating funds in the savings account
- \$70,000.00 had been requested in assessment forgiveness

DeKoven Center

"Mr. John Vogel noted that after several matters last fall, followed by Bishop Miller's departure and discussions with Fr. Joel, it was decided to suspend the committee's work pending consultation with Bishop Lee.

In the meantime and in consultation with Fr. Joel and Fr. Gregg, an Executive Council /DeKoven liaison was deemed appropriate, a role in which Vogel said he would serve.

Fr. Joel thanked John for the passion he brought to this ministry."

Haiti Project Report

The Rev. Steve Capitelli noted that the Standing Committee have aligned with the Haiti Project and he is grateful for the new envisioning.

Camp Webb – The Rev. Kevin Huddleston

--the Standing Committee is reviewing the possible coordination with the diocese of Fond du Lac

2021 Convention and Task Force

- the Standing Committee is reviewing the process
- the June, single item meeting. will be by zoom; Sara Bitner will host
- a GREAT event planner would be helpful and beneficial to assist with the process

Final Thoughts:

- clarification of "confidentiality" in general, relative to Executive Sessions and minutes was brought up for future conversation
- filling the vacancy left by the resignation of the Rev. Kevin Huddleston was put on hold

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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.

May 4th

June 1st

no July meeting

August 3rd

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.