

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Special Executive Council Minutes
May 11th, 2021 5:45 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; 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; the Rev. Scott Seefeldt; Mr. John Vogel and Mr. John Washbush

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

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

At 5:52 p.m. the Rev. Joel Prather called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Proposal to the Executive Council

The Rev. Joel Prather noted that this meeting is a one-item meeting and that the proposal was sent to all members via e-mail. He asked if there was any further discussion of the issue.

The following discussion focused on:

- current and immediate needs of the diocese (staffing; parish assistance)
- duration of the positions being created
- need to evaluate and re-evaluate regularly

Seeing no further requests to discuss, the Rev. Joel Prather called for a motion to adopt the recommendation from the Finance Committees as submitted by the Rev. Dr. Kevin Huddleston, Canon for Finance and Administration.

***The Rev. Steve Capitelli moved and Mr. John Vogel seconded that, as was stated in the proposal submitted by the Finance Committee,

--The Executive Council approves the creation of two positions as described in the proposal.

--The Executive Council approves the funding for 2021 as described in the proposal.

After a discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Additional Items:

Mr. Mike Weber, Diocesan Treasurer, told the Council that the diocese received \$40,000.00 from the National Church for pandemic relief. How the money will be used will be part of the June 1st agenda.

The Rev. Steve Capitelli asked for prayers for Mr. Pat Pellechia, currently in hospice and near death.

Ms. Jill Heller was asked to lead the Council in prayer for Pat and his family.

Mr. John Washbush told the Council of the many health related issues in his family and extended family.

Ms. D'Arcy Becker was asked to lead the Council in prayer for John and the members of his extended family.

***Mr. Peter Larson moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. John Johnson. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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.

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.