

Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
May 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Greendale

Present: The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller; Mr. Clyde Bachand, Diocesan Treasurer; The Rev. Kate Byrd; the Very Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski; 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

Others present: Ms. Marlene Udovich, Finance Officer and Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director, Trustees of Funds and Endowments

Absent: Canon Peggy Bean, Canon for Congregations, Ms. Kada Bush; the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Grieser; Mr. Ron Johnson, Mr. Peter Larson, Ms. Kristen Wold and ex-officio member (attendance is optional); the Rev. Ian Burch, President, Commission on Ministry

At 10:10 a.m. Bishop Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Executive Council Working Committees

Because some of the committees were on hold/waiting for further information and because a number of individual members were absent, the committee meetings were tabled; the Canons Review committee planned to meet at the end of the EC meeting.

Business Meeting

Action Items

Approval of April minutes

Bishop Miller asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the minutes of the April 6, 2019 Executive Council Meeting.

***The Very Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski moved and the Rev. Scott Seefeldt seconded the approval of the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Approval of the Diocese Organization Chart

Discussion included:

- Does EC give approval or assent of the chart?
- Mr. John Washbush will move the final chart to the 2019 folder in the opening area with the roster and meeting dates.
- The chart will be reviewed and affirmed at the next EC meeting.

Property Sale—Brown Deer

Discussion included:

- Property closed at \$355,000.00.
- A title issue brought to light the need to make sure all property titles are clear.

--The Standing Committee will take the lead in clarifying property ownership/clear titles. Mr. John Washbush found a helpful link and will send it to the Rev. Scott Leannah, President of the Standing Committee

--Ms. Marlene Udovich requested that \$300,000.00 be moved to the Permanent Development Fund

***It was moved by The Rev. Scott Seefeldt and seconded by Mr. Clyde Bachand that \$300,000.00 from the sale of the Brown Deer property be moved to the Permanent Development Fund. The motion passed.

Hospitality Center

Discussion included:

--current request—move \$250,000.00 bequest to a money market account in the Trustees for Funds and Endowments

--future of Hospitality Center in general—501 3C?

***It was moved by The Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski and seconded by Mr. John Washbush that the \$250,000.00 bequest from Ms. Imogene Johnson be moved to a money market account with the Trustees for Funds and Endowments. The motion passed.

Information and Discussion Items

Finance Officer and Treasurer's Reports

Budget

Per Ms. Marlene Udovich:

--still 8 parochial reports outstanding

--draft will be available in June

--she will be available for the July conference call

Parish Reviews

Per Ms. Marlene Udovich:

--9 reviewers with great credentials

--training completed; reviews in process

--reviews should be complete by Sept.

Discussion included:

--concern regarding keeping parishes safe

--what triggers an official audit

--relationship of Canon 8 and audits.

Thank you note

Bishop Miller noted the thank you letter from St. Thomas of Canterbury and the Rev. Scott Leannah highlighting the concrete ways the diocesan aide and paying off the BMO loan are assisting the ministry of mission at STOC.

Standing Committee Report—Development of a Property Policy

The Rev. Scott Leannah noted that:

--It was a progress report, looking at best practices around the Episcopal Church and the Canons.

--It was a guide for moving forward.

Discussion included:

--the process vs. collaboration/relationship

--the ideological vs. relational

--both/and not either/or

(The Rev. Debra Trakel will meet with Bishop Miller to reflect more on these concepts)

Canon's Report—Canon Peggy Bean

An item of concern and extensive discussion was Holy Cross, Wisconsin Dells seeking a FT minister.

--combining different churches, different cultures

--holding in prayer ministers of combined parishes

Bishop Miller's Report

Updates:

Christ Baptist Church (formerly St. Nicholas, Racine)

Bishop Miller noted that at the April Executive Council meeting it was moved and seconded to approve a new proposal, and that the Business Promissory Note is before the Executive Council.

***The Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski moved and Mr. Clyde Bachand and Mr. John Washbush seconded approval of the Business Promissory Note. The motion passed.

St. Luke's, Whitewater

Bishop Miller noted that, as was reported, because the “maintenance” procedure was not followed, the property is ours “free and clear.”

Possible disposition of the property were discussed:

--razing and selling the cream city brick

--use by the University

A discussion regarding self-study and strategic planning evolved:

--re-examine Meachem funds

--community engagement?

--staffing of Nicholson House?

--outdoor ministry?

--campus ministry?

--companion relationship—Newala/Egypt?

“To be clear about expectations going forward; is it necessary/nice?”

“Focus on the essential.”

Final Item:

The Rev. Andrew Hanyzewski has BCP's and hymnals.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next meeting is a Conference Call on July 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Appendix I

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

Future Meeting Dates for 2019 Executive Council

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| 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.