

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
September 6, 2022 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

Roll Call was taken.

Present: The Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries; 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; the Rev. Don Fleischman; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright, President of Commission on Ministry; Ms. Judith Miller; Mr. Roger Mukasa; the Rev. Joel Prather and the Rev. Debra Trakel

Others present: Ms. Caroline Senn, Financial Controller; and Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq., Chancellor

Absent: Bishop Jeffrey Lee; Mr. John Vogel and Ms. Jill Heller, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments

At 6:33 p.m. The Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries called the meeting to order and led the EC in prayer.

August 2, 2022 EC Minutes

Rev. Leannah asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the August 2, 2022 EC meeting.

***The Rev. Steve Capitelli moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Ms. Janice Pauc seconded it. The motion carried.

Financials

The Rev. Scott Leannah called on Ms. Caroline Senn, the Financial Controller.

Ms. Senn stated that financially there was nothing extraordinary in July. She brought to the EC an unrestricted bequest from the Vanda Healy Marital Trust, that the funds be allocated to the Haiti fund. Overall the EC felt it was a meaningful way to use the fund.

***A motion to approve the request to designate the funds from the Vanda Healy Marital Trust for the Haiti fund was made, seconded and carried.

2023 Budget

Ms. Senn noted that there were two items still outstanding and would impact the budget – some parish reports and the resolution regarding deacon compensation. She walked through the highlighted items especially noting the shifts in the Office of the Bishop.

Questions were raised re: Newala and Camp Webb.

Ms. Senn also walked through several comparisons of financials across several dioceses. The EC felt it was a powerful presentation and brought to light several important questions: Why merge? How tenable is reunification? Are we stronger together?

The Rev. Scoot Leannah stated that “as we move forward, more will become clear.”

175th Convention Update

Dates: October 7th and 8th

***Mr. John Johnson moved that the Executive Council affirm recommending the budget to the Convention. Mr. Mike Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller moved that the EC affirm recommending the 2023 CLERGY MINIMUM COMPENSATION Resolution to the Convention. Mr. John Johnson seconded the motion.

A question regarding the revised calculation arose. It was determined that if the answer to the questions made an amendment to the resolution, the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller and Mr. John Johnson would agree to the modification and restate the motion. The motion carried.

Also having financial implications, the Resolution -- Establish a Minimum Compensation for Deacons was brought to the Executive Council for affirmation.

***Mr. John Johnson moved that the EC affirm recommending the above resolution to the Convention. Ms. D’Arcy Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Housing Resolution

The Rev. Scott Leannah presented the following Housing Resolution.

Housing Resolution for 2022 for

The Rev. Christian Maxfield

RESOLVED, that of the total compensation to be paid to The Rev. Christian Maxfield **during 2022, \$19,200.00** shall be designated as housing allowance (in lieu of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee providing and maintaining a furnished residence for him), to be excludable from taxable income, within the meaning of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code, to the extent that said housing allowance is spent by The Rev. Christian Maxfield for expenses of renting or providing a furnished home for himself and family, including rental or mortgage payments, insurance, utilities, furnishings, maintenance and repairs and other related expenses, up to the fair market rental value of said home, including furnishings and utilities. This housing allowance designation will apply to calendar year 2022 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

***The Rev. Don Fleischman moved that the Housing Resolution be approved. The Rev. Steve Capitelli seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Update on Trialogue

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller noted that:

--A time line is in place.

--7 task forces are operative.

--Current information will be given to each of the Conventions via a similar report.

--the focus – Is reunification a good decision?

--By June/July 2023, after many conversations, the viability of reunification will be expressed to each diocese.

Canon for Ministries Report

The Rev. Scott Leannah noted that a lot of good things are happening within the Diocese and referred the Executive Council to the Canon for Miniseries Report in drop box.

Final Notes

October -- No Executive Council Meeting

Next Meeting November 1, 2022 (Costumes are welcome.)

Rev. Debra Trakel gave the closing prayer.

Rev. Scott Leannah gave the blessing.

Deacon Marge said the dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 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

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.