

OEDEO
August 8-9, 2014
Diocesan Council Agenda
Bend, Oregon

PRESENT:

The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera

Class of 2014

Bill Taylor

Kim McClain

Neva DeMayo

Class of 2015

Karla Nash

The Rev. Dan Lediard

Ann Havill, S/C

The Rev. Ted Rodrigues, S/C

Class of 2016

The Rev. Kathy Macek

The Rev. Anna Carmichael, S/C

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Bergen Bull, Legal Advisor to the Bishop

Visitors

Helen Spector

Staff

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Ascension School

ABSENT

Joel Bigelow (2014)

Julie Sarazin S/C (2014)

The Rev. Jim Mosier S/C (2014)

Doug Boone (2015)

Beth Spell (2016)

Charlie Cagle S/C (2016)

Jerry Frazier, Treasurer

Friday August 8, 2014

The Standing Committee met from 1:00 until 3:00 prior to the Diocesan Council Meeting

Call to Order

- Doug Harder called the meeting to order at 3:10PM
- Bishop Nedi and Karly Nash led the group in the opening prayer from the prayer book created for the Ascension School Summer Camp Program: "Aslan is on the Move"

Appreciative Inquiry

- Helen Spector reviewed the work that was done with the council in May in Canyon City.
- After much discussion and discernment it was decided that Bishop Nedi will stay with EDEO through General Convention 2015, Summer Camp at Ascension School in 2015, and will make one more visitation to all parishes (22 Sundays). Her time with EDEO will be done when these tasks are complete, possibly by January 2016 or the 1st of Advent 2015. Diocesan Convention 2015 in The Dalles will be her final convention.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

Saturday

8:00AM Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was The Canticle of Eastern Oregon

Appreciative Inquiry

- The discussion continued from Friday with the focus on what the process for finding the next bishop of EDEO would be.

m/s/c *that EDEO move forward with the ordinary elected bishop process.*
Dan Lediard, Kathy Macek

m/s/c *to appoint a nominating/search committee to work towards the election of an ordinary bishop and that at this time we establish at least 4 member (2 clergy 2 lay) with the rest of the committee being determined in November at the council retreat.*
Ann Havill, Kathy Macek

- The council thanked Helen for her assistance in helping them reach their decision.

Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes from May Meeting

m/s/c *to approve the minutes as distributed.*
Anna Carmichael

Archive Project Report-Matt Carmichael

- Matt gave a brief update on the archive project.
 - The purpose is to maintain active and inactive records for the diocese
 - He has developed a schedule that indicates how long to keep records and when its okay to get rid of something.
 - He plans on presenting an Archive Policy to convention for their approval
 - Matt also manages the archive website and organization of the records.
 - He is also planning on having a workshop at convention

Ascension School Report-Patty Olson Lindsey

- Patty presented her report on Ascension School along with a slide show showcasing the highlights of this year's summer camp, including staff, volunteers, and the greenhouse project. Her report is included at the bottom of these minutes.
- The Ascension Capitol Campaign official kickoff events start this fall with the following dates and locations (*Italics indicate tentative dates and locations*):
 - September 26 Ontario
 - September 27 Cove
 - September 28 Hermiston
 - *September 29* *Burns*
 - September 30 Canyon City
 - October 1 The Dalles
 - *October 2* *Prineville*
 - *October 3* *Klamath Falls*
 - *October 4* *Bend*
 - *October 10* *Pendleton (Convention)*

Communications

- On July 23rd Bishop Nedi received an email from Jeanie indicating her plan to leave communications position by the end of 2014. It is the bishop's intention to accept resignation effective Sept. 30. Angela Gorham has been hired as a half time Communications Coordinator for EDEO.
 - The Bishop the presented a chart detailing the reorganization of the office staffing and duties with the additional work of communications being brought into the office.

m/s/c *that Jeanie Senior be paid through October 15th*
Ann Havill, Anna Carmichael

Financial Report

- Jerry Frazier was unable to attend the Diocesan Council meeting and so Bishop Nedi presented the 2015 Budget recommended by Finance Committee which met on August 7th in Bend. She announced that Patty Olson-Lindsey will now be the staff support person for the budget.
- 2015 Budget for Convention changes to recommended budget:
 - Line 73 Faith Formation and Continuing Ed increased to \$10,850 for 2015
 - Line 34 Ministry Formation increased to \$4500 (Move \$4500 from Ministry Formation Fund)
 - Anna Carmichael noted that the Archive Project Grant from the EOEF expires in October of 2015. She requested that funds be added to the 2015 budget to extend Matt Carmichael's contract until the end of the year. Matt will ask the EOEF for another grant to cover that cost but if that does not get approved then council agreed to add \$3000.00 to the 2015 budget to cover November and December's stipend for the work on the Archive Project.

m/s/c

Motion to present the 2015 budget as amended to the annual convention for their approval.

Bill Taylor, Karla Nash

- Audit
 - A short discussion was held regarding the state of the audits. There was no progress to report.

Reports

- Kim McClain gave a short report on the Environmental Justice commission. There has been no meeting yet but she is planning on having a booth and a workshop at convention. She hopes to eventually hold an Environmental Camp at Ascension School.
- Diversity/Anti-Racism
 - Doug gave a short talk regarding the meeting that was held at Ascension School prior to Adult Education Camp in late July. The group will be called the

Celebrating Diversity Commission. A short report from Ruth Tsu can be found at the end of these minutes.

Convention Planning

- Report from Redeemer
 - Doug Harder gave a short report on the Redeemer's progress with planning the 2014 Diocesan Convention. The Bishop has invited 2 well known people in the Native American community to be the keynote speakers, Elsie Dennis and Sarah Eagle Heart. Roberta Connors, director of Tamastlikt, has also been invited to be part of the program on Friday night and perhaps will participate in other events. A mini pow-wow is also planned with 14 drummers and dancers participating, organized by Toby Patrick. There are two main gathering rooms at Wild Horse, along with smaller break out rooms for workshops. The Easter Oregon Episcopal Foundation and ERD will have rooms at the museum on Friday for their annual meetings. Sunday morning Eucharist will be at Redeemer.

- Theme
 - Several themes were discussed and the council agreed that the theme for 2014 Diocesan Convention would be "We who are many are one body"

- Workshops
 - This year there are many different workshops being considered/offered at convention. The following is a list of what is planned so far. The italics indicate that the workshop is tentative.
 - Archive Project-Matt Carmichael
 - Social Media-Angela Gorham
 - Treasurer Workshop-Jerry Frazier, Lisa Boquist
 - Knitting Ministry-Adrienne Brown
 - Episcopal Polity-Bishop Nedi
 - Altar Guild-*Patty Broker*
 - Prayers of the People-*The Rev Katy Anderson*
 - *Deacon's Report-Georgia Giacobbe*
 - Spirituality-Helen Keefe
 - Make and Take It to the World-Beth Spell and Kathy Thew
 - Disaster Preparedness-Judy Warren
 - Church in Public Spheres-David Leslie, EMO

- Doctrine of Discovery-*Keynote Speaker*
- Environmental Justice-Kim McClain
- EFM Workshop-*Gaye Lawson or Dale Hilding*
- Choir Practice-*Redeemer*

- **Committees**

- Nominating Committee- the nominating committee will consist of those members of council and standing committee whose terms are up this year.
 - Kim McClain
 - Rich Landrith
 - Jim Mosier
 - Bill Taylor
- Bishop Search Committee
 - Those who are on the nominating committee will identify 1 clergy and 1 lay for the search committee and bishop will do so also. This will ensure that the Canons will be met and the committee will be formed at least 1 year prior to 2015's convention. There can be up to 12 members on the committee.
- Disciplinary Board
 - There are two clergy vacancies on the Disciplinary board. Bishop Nedi will have two nominees for these positions ready by convention.
 - Karla Nash agreed to be on the disciplinary board as a lay member. Her knowledge of legal processes will be an asset to the board.
- Resolutions Committee
 - The job of the Resolutions committee is to rewrite or edit how certain resolutions are worded and to write courtesy resolutions. They will also draft any resolutions that might come up at convention in response to the keynote speakers and bishop's address.
 - Doug Harder will chair the committee and Anna Carmichael agreed to be on this committee as well. Doug will find at least two more members.
- MDG's for 2014-2015 Offerings
 - The convention offering is traditionally split between a MDG and a local concern. Often the MDG offering goes through ERD.

m/s/c

*that the 2014 Convention offering go to support MDG 6-Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other Diseases, through ERD.
Anna Carmichael, Ann Havill*

- 2016 convention location and future planning
 - The location for the 2017 Diocesan Convention was discussed. The location should be somewhere in Central Oregon. Burns was brought forth as a possibility. Council will contact the people of Burns to discuss the possibility.
 - 2015 The Dalles
 - 2016 La Grande

New Business/Discussion

- There was a brief discussion about the possibility of the diocese offering to house some of the child refugees from the border of Mexico. The bishop has discussed an idea with Patty, who is in contact with the city of Cove. However, the bishop has met a dead end in her attempts to contact those who may be able to assist with the legalities and practicalities of making the idea a reality. Several people suggested contacting the group Catholics from the Sanctuary Movement or the Arch Diocese of Los Angeles. Ann Havill agreed to do some research on this and be the point person on the project.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM

Ascension School Camp and Conference Center
Report to Diocesan Council
8/09/14

Summer of Abundance

When I started thinking about writing this report I began with making a list of everything I wanted to tell you about summer camp. Halfway through my list I stopped and said to myself, “Wow, this was one amazing summer!” The next word that came to my mind was abundance. Our summer was abundant with God’s love, creativity, connectivity, beauty, leadership and the list goes on....

We are so grateful for:

- Our faithful Bishop who supports Ascension School with her generosity, love, creativity and her leadership.
- The people of our Diocese who continue to value what summer camp can provide for all children. Camp can provide a sense of connection to something greater than ourselves, a sense of hope and gratitude and the freedom to play, create and to heal. Without your belief and support of the camping ministry, your financial support and your gift of time we could not share the wonders of camp and this thin place with our campers.
- Our amazing program directors, Makenzie Dyer and Jessica Heliker. Jessica and Makenzie led a staff who set the stage for a community of love, acceptance and generosity.
- The staff and all of their creativity and eagerness to bring the camp theme, The Lion Witch and the Wardrobe to life for our campers, to make camp a safe place to be silly, a place to try new things on and to find God’s love in their new and old friends.
- The Rev. Kathy Macek, The Rev. Jim Mosier, The Rev. Roger Williams and The Rev. Michelle Meech for their leadership and for their love and commitment to our staff and campers.
- Thorman Hulse who played Father Christmas, Kathy Thew who played the White Witch, The Rev. Richard Thew who also played Father Christmas and The Rev. Kathy Macek who played Father Christmas’ helper. Without their creativity we wouldn’t have been able to bring the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe to life for all of our campers.
- St. James Milton-Freewater for sending Ascension School the very best contra dance callers and band. The campers love and now look forward to contra dancing at camp. St. James has paid for the band to come lead the dancing for 4 years. Music and dance, what a gift!
- For Angela, Chuck and Merlyn for their ministry of radical hospitality
- For Lisa and her continued support of the work of the Ascension School staff.
- The Ascension School Board for their tireless leadership and stewardship of our facility and ministry.

Our “Growing Food and Building Community” Project: A grassroots effort to feed hungry people and to be good environmental stewards.

Ascension School started a camp garden in 2009 with the intention of providing food and education focused on sustainability, caring for creation and teaching children where their food comes from. By the

end of our first summer the campers themselves wanted to share the food they were growing together with the local food pantry. The next summer we focused on the millennium development goal: End Poverty and Hunger, increasing the food we grew to give more to the food pantry. The need for fresh food at food pantries just continues to grow which is what inspired us to increase the amount of food that we wanted to grow, both to help feed hungry people but to also feed the young people attending our camps.

I applied for a UTO grant in 2013. The purpose of the grant was to help increase people's access to fresh food, educate children and families about nutrition and to be good stewards of the environment. We were awarded the grant in August of 2013. With the grant funds we've been able to increase the number of raised beds and built a 20x50 foot greenhouse. We've used the food that we've grown to feed our campers and we will now begin delivering food to our local food pantry. We would not have the greenhouse without Nod Palmer, our faithful volunteer, who donated countless hours, building the greenhouse with love and commitment to Ascension School and the Diocese. Nod attends St. Peter's in La Grande.

Building the greenhouse has increased our ability to be good environmental stewards and to support grassroots efforts to build local food sustainability and to respond to human need with loving service.

Capital Campaign Update:

We will be kicking off the capital campaign in September with a 10 day "Diocesan Kick-Off Event" tour. Each event will introduce the Campaign for Ascension and the goals of the campaign as well as providing an opportunity to make a pledge to the campaign. Members of our Diocese sent a clear message during the diocese-wide listening and feasibility study phases. We are called to:

- Preserve our historic property
- Renew our existing spaces
- Enhance our mission and provide for the future of our community and ministry.

Each of the goals outlined in the Campaign are focused on being faithful to what we are called to do.

100% of the money raised in the Ascension Campaign will be utilized to reach the campaign goals.

Rental of the Ascension School's facilities:

We continue to be a peaceful 'place apart' for nurturing, planning, reflection, exchange of ideas, celebrating life and sharing in Christian community.

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Patty Olson Lindsey
Executive Director*

The Commission on Celebrating Diversity of EDEO

Report to Diocesan Council

August 5, 2014

The Commission on Celebrating Diversity of EDEO held its organizing meeting in late July to learn to know each other and our shared concerns related to the work of this commission. We invite others to join us as we continue to talk and work together. If you want more information or are interested in participating, contact Ruth Tsu, Convener. The other members of the Commission are Anne Scissons, Alison Dingley, Diane Adams, Matthew Littau, Doug Harder, and Jim and Beth Spell.