

**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EASTERN OREGON
DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting
January 30, 2016
Adobe Connect On-Line**

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Bavi “Nedi” Rivera, Bishop

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention
Jerry Frazier, Treasurer

CLASS of 2016

The Rev. Anna Carmichael, S/C
Randy Heise
The Rev. Kathy Macek
Beth Spell
Charlie Cagle

CLASS of 2017

The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe
Kim McClain, S/C
Marjorie Thelen
The Rev. Jed Holdorph, S/C

Class of 2018

The Rev. Aletha BoneBrake
Karly Nash
The Rev. Nancy McGrath Sargent Green, S/C
Julie Reynolds, S/C
Vicki Mosier

Seat and Voice

Kim Mosier, Chancellor

Guest: Bishop-elect Patrick Bell

Call to Order

Bishop Rivera led the gathering in prayer.

Approval of Agenda

- Kim McClain noted that Lisa had not included the sharing of the Sabbatical policy in the minutes.
- Bishop Nedi requested that Charlie and Marjorie provide a short report of the occupation situation in Burns prior to adjournment.

M/S/C *the minutes of the Retreat Diocesan Council meeting of November 13-15, 2015 held at Ascension School Camp & Conference Center approved with correction.*

M/S/C *the agenda approved as presented. (Consensus)*

Discussion of possible areas of Sustainable Development Goals to focus on in 2016:

- Aletha referred to council the book by Naomi Klein, *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate*, as a possible theme or tool in support of the Environment theme.

M/S/C *To support of Sustainable Development Goal #13 – Climate Action and the use of Naomi Klein’s book.*

- It was agreed that further examination of this goal and how to achieve it was needed before any funds could be designated.

Report from Standing Committee – Kim McClain

- The buildings at 601 and 605 Union St., The Dalles, has required attention and resources to repair heaters, general maintenance, broken plaster and ceiling tiles. Procedures are being developed to determine who has responsibility for keep and maintenance of these properties. Options are also being considered as to what use of these buildings will best benefit the community.
- A draft Letter of Agreement for Bishop – Elect Patrick Bell and the status of the Transition Committee are waiting for reports. The past Medical has been submitted but the Psych report will not be available until after February 5th.

Bishop-elect’s Consecration

Concerns were expressed that the approval process often takes 90 days which that prompted discussion. It was agreed to keep working diligently and prayerfully to avoid being faced with having to change the consecration date. Kim agreed to send an email as Standing Committee Chair asking Standing Committees to respond to our request quickly.

Report from Transition Committee – Kathy Macek

Plans for the consecration and evening dinner plans continue. Jed reported that there were complications regarding reservations made to utilize the First Presbyterian Church of Bend for the consecration. A lively discussion followed and the matter was referred back to the Transition Committee.

Report from Executive Director, Ascension School

Bishop Nedi conveyed to Council three brief points on behalf of Patty:

- a) The construction contract has been signed;
- b) Utilities work will begin next week;
- c) A fund raising letter went out last week to congregations asking them to consider donating as congregations.
- d) Council members were asked to encourage their congregations to participate with a congregational gift to the Ascension School Capital Campaign.

Clergy Supply Rates

The following consideration for services has been in effect since policy revision effective January 1, 2013:

1 Liturgy and Sermon	\$135.00
2 Liturgies and Sermon	\$185.00
Non-Sunday liturgies (weddings, funerals, liturgies outside Holy Week)	\$135.00
Holy Week Liturgies, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Great Virgil	\$135.00

Council agreed by consensus to keep the rates the same at this point in time.

Revised Housing Resolution –Bishop Nedi Rivera

Council was asked to revise the Housing Resolution to be congruent with the Bishop’s pay schedule in 2016.

M/S/C *approved the Revised Housing Resolution as distributed.*

Burns area update – Charlie Cagle\ Marjorie Thelen\ Beth Spell

Charlie explained that the community continued under stress and uncertainty. On Thursday there was a funeral and all the people and the hearse were subject to security screening. The church was security checked and strangers within the community were scrutinized. Marjorie reported that there remain deep divisions within the communities. There has been so much focus (media) on the occupiers and it is the community that is in need our continued prayers. Beth reported that John Day County has suffered from spill over from the Burns area occupation and concerns of many in their area have been complicated by a sheriff who seems to support the occupiers. Kathy Macek suggested that the impact from this occupation has been so severe that the area will need healing for considerable time after the occupiers are gone. Bishop Nedi suggested that we might want to find ways to support the healing of our communities.

Next Council meeting: March 4 – 5 at Trinity, Bend.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 following prayer.

[Submitted by Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention]