

EDEO Diocesan Council
April 10, 2021
Online Meeting via Zoom
Minutes

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2021

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Vacancy - DC

Class of 2022

Adrienne Brown

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Steve Winkle (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Ellen Nesbitt

Class of 2023

The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (SC)

Karly Nash (SC)

Barbara Reynolds

Beth Spell

Ex-Officio

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

James Foster, Chancellor

Seat and Voice

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Absent:

Kit Morgan

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Call to Order

- Approval of the Agenda

M/S/C *Motion to approve the agenda as presented (Barbara Reynolds, Kelly Mahon)*

- Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2021 Meeting (**Action**)

M/S/C *Motion to approve the January 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Adrienne Brown, Roy Green)*

Financial Report – Randy Heise

- 2020 Year End Report

Randy updated council on the 2020 yearend numbers for EDEO. Income was higher than budgeted and expenses were much lower leading to a surplus of \$62,000. Some of that surplus will be used to cover the small deficit that Ascension School experienced due to the total shut down in 2020 from Covid restrictions. Amy reported that she will need approximately \$8,000 to cover the losses for 2020.

Michael J. Fluharty, the accountant that EDEO retained in 2020, was in an accident in September of 2020 and has not been able to carry on with the tasks necessary in the bookkeeping process. Amy and Lisa will be meeting with a firm in Pendleton during the next week with the hopes of retaining their services.

- 2021 Projections

Because of the issues with the accountant Randy was not able to provide accurate year to date numbers but will have them available at the next meeting.

- 2022 Budget Work

The Finance Committee will start meeting within the next month to begin the budgeting process for 2022.

- Nyssa and Hodgkin's Funds

M/S/C *Motion to move the funds from the sale of St. Paul's in Nyssa into the Bishop Search fund. (Roy Green, Adrienne Brown)*

Discussion on the use of the Hodgkin's funds was tabled until the next meeting.

- Morse Fund for Seminary Support

The Morse Fund was established to provide scholarship assistance to seminarians through transfers into the yearly operating fund. That practice stopped sometime in the past and the funds will now be accessed and transferred to the operating budget as needed to subsidize the funds that are already being given in support of those in seminary.

- Audit Update

The audit is tentatively scheduled to begin in May but is contingent on finding an accounting firm to assist with the reports, etc. that will be required by the auditor.

- SDG Fund Update and Committee Recommendations on Application process

Adrienne asked for feedback on the new grant program details and the proposed grant application. After brief discussion it was agreed that the information would be re-sent to council and they would respond via email in the next 3 weeks with feedback and suggestions to move the project forward.

- **Safeguarding Standards for EDEO**

Discussion on the Safeguarding Standards was tabled until the July meeting.

- **Healthcare for All Oregon**

Bishop Pat asked members to consider forming a small group to work on a resolution supporting the Healthcare for All Oregon initiative. He asked that people who are interested email him and a report will be given at the next meeting.

- **Standing Committee Report**

Roy Green gave updates from Standing Committee on the following items:

- Nyssa Update – The sale of the property is now complete. Roy asked that the minutes reflect the gratitude of the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council to The Rev. Kelly Mahon, The Rev. Charlotte Wells, The Rev. Jim Mosier, and especially Doug Harder who worked many hours to negotiate the sale.
- St. Paul's, The Dalles – The Rev. Marilyn Roth, Jerry Frazier, and Gretchen Kimsey approached Standing Committee with a proposal to replace the current tenants of the Diocesan House in The Dalles with a former member of the St. Paul's congregation. This person would act as a caretaker of that property, as well as for Old St. Paul's Chapel and the former diocesan offices located next door to the home. Because of Oregon tenant laws, replacing the current occupants is not an option so that suggestion has been tabled. Standing Committee did decide to replace the current property management company once the contract with them expires. They have been unhappy with the services currently being provided.
- St. Alban's, Redmond – Roy and Jim Foster met with the people of St. Alban's regarding a purchase offer that they received. It was recommended that an appraisal be done before any offers are accepted. The appraisal came in much higher than the offers that had been received. Jim Foster is pursuing contacts with various developers in the area to secure offers more in line with the appraised value.
- Arlington Update – Standing Committee approved an offer to purchase the diocesan property located in the City of Arlington for \$30,000. Jim Foster is working to complete that sale.

- Candidate for Holy Orders Report – Standing Committee unanimously approved Katy Nesbitt from Enterprise as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

- **Ascension School Update – Amy Jayne**

Amy gave an update on the finances, facilities, and programs at Ascension School. Pat made special mention that since Amy started in June of 2019, she has brought in approximately \$250,000 in grant monies for Ascension School.

- **Convention Committee Report**

Bishop Pat gave a brief update on the status of the 2021 Convention planning.

- Theme – The theme is still being worked out, but it will represent our work towards repudiating the Christian Doctrine of Discovery.
- Location – The plan is still to have convention in Pendleton at Wildhorse, but we are waiting for confirmation from their reservations department. Due to Covid much of the staff was laid off and they are working on re-organizing and preparing for reopening to groups.
- Tasks
 - Resolutions Committee – Bishop Pat will be asking Jed Holdorph to chair the Resolutions Committee.
 - Tellers – The current plan is to hold the business meeting, except for voting on resolutions, via Zoom again this year so there will most likely be no need for Tellers.
 - Diocesan Council and Standing Committee Member Elections
 - Standing Committee: 1 Clergy, 1 Lay
 - Diocesan Council: 1 Clergy, 2 Lay

- **Bishop's Report**

Bishop Pat reported on the following items:

- The Rev. Rebecca Hendricks has retired from St. James in Milton Freewater and The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin is providing regular supply to the parish.
- The Rev. Marilyn Roth is finishing her time at St. Paul's in The Dalles. The parish is working with a consultant and will be entering into a formal search by summer.

- General Convention has been officially rescheduled for the Summer of 2022 in Baltimore, MA. They have shortened the time to only 7 days and will be engaging deputations soon with pre-meetings and committee work.
- Lambeth has also been rescheduled for the Summer of 2022.
- The Bishop plans on resuming in person visitations in September and his hope is to do at least 2 visitations each month with the goal to be visiting each congregation before June of 2022. He also plans to increase his visits to the Diocesan Office in Cove to at least every two weeks.
- He will be asking a few people on Council to join him in drafting a convention resolution repudiating the Christian Doctrine of Discovery. He asked that anyone who is interested in this to please contact him.

- **Adjournment**

Beth Spell offered a closing prayer and Aletha adjourned the meeting.