

EDEO Diocesan Council

Zoom Meeting

April 4, 2020

Minutes

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2020

The Rev. Jed Holdorph (SC)

Karly Nash (SC)

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Barbara Reynolds

Vacancy-DC

Class of 2021

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Vacancy-DC

Class of 2022

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Adrienne Brown

Ellen Nesbitt

Steve Winkle (SC)

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

James Foster, Chancellor

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Absent:

Kit Morgan

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)

Saturday 9:00am

• Call to Order

- Bishop Pat called the meeting to order at 9:07 am and gave an introduction to the ZOOM protocols, including the fact that the meeting was being recorded.
- Aletha offered the opening prayers.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2020.

M/S/C

The minutes from February 7, 2020 were approved as presented.

- Ascension School Report

- Amy Jayne updated the Council on the status of business at Ascension School:
 - All events have been cancelled through the end of May 2020.
 - The financial impact of these cancellations will be between \$20,000 to \$25,000.
 - She is considering moving the camping season start date to the beginning of July, or possibly later. There is also the possibility that camp will need to be cancelled all together. She will consult with Bishop Pat on this and they will decide by the end of April.
 - If camp is cancelled the loss for the camp could be close to \$80,000.
 - The Payroll Protection Program could help mitigate some of that anticipated loss.
 - The Trail project is fully funded between the Wildhorse and Creation Care grants, as well as a memorial gift from Bobby's grandfather.
 - There are three members of the staff who are in the high-risk category for the virus and have been told not to come in to work at all. One is salaried and the other two are hourly and are being paid a monthly check based on their average number of hours over the past year.
 - Registration for camp is open but if camp needs to be cancelled full refunds will be provided.
 - Staff is the priority now and making sure they have what they need. The goal is to keep all the staff employed.

- Financial Report

- Hodgkins' Trust Update
 - Jim Foster gave a brief report on the history of the trust set up by Barbee and Lewis Hodgkins that is held at the Church Pension Fund. The trust was set up in the 1990's during the campaign for Kimsey Commons and the development of an endowment. People could allocate gifts to go towards either the building, or the endowment. If no such allocation was made the funds would be split 60/40 between the two projects. Lewis and Barbee set up a charitable remainder trust in the amount of \$100,000 which was to be distributed to the endowment fund for EDEO upon their death. There was no provision stated for the interest funds in excess of the \$100,000 that are included in the remainder of the trust. Jim's opinion is that remainder could be used at the council or convention's discretion, but he will investigate that further. There are no restrictions on the \$78,974.89 that was received from a separate trust set up by the Hodgkins that was held at Renaissance Administration LCC.

M/S/C

Motion that the unrestricted trust funds from Barbee and Lewis Hodgkins, formerly held at Renaissance LLC, in the amount of \$78,974.89, be used for general fund purposes in this time of crisis (Aletha Bonebrake, Adrienne Brown)

- CARE Act Discussion

- Amy and Lisa introduced the details regarding the Paycheck Protection Program that is being offered through the CARE Act. The program would cover payroll, including benefits and state taxes, for employees for 2.5 months. All funds received that are used for employment expenses would be forgivable. The diocese would apply through their bank. The total amount asked for would be between \$75,000 and \$80,000 and Lisa and Amy are working with the new accountant to make sure all information provided is accurate. Any interest on the loan would need to be paid back. The final interest rate looks to be 1%.

M/S/C

Motion to approve that the staff pursue the application for funds through the Payroll Protection Program. (Joseph Farber, Jed Holdorph)

• Member Update

- Ascension School Advisory Board Liaison
 - Julie Reynolds from The Dalles completed her term as the Diocesan Council Liaison to the Ascension School Advisory Board. *Ellen Nesbitt was appointed as the 2020 Diocesan Council liaison to the Ascension Advisory Board.*
- Diocesan Council Member Vacancy
 - Kay Sharp has resigned from Diocesan Council, leaving a vacancy in the class of 2021, there is also a vacancy in the class of 2020. Bishop Pat asked council to let their congregations know and seek out those who may be interested in serving. Any recommendations can be sent to the diocesan office.

• Bishop's Report

- Bishop Pat gave a brief report, expressing appreciation for the thoughts and prayers on death of first wife and son.
- He reported the changes in his spring schedule including a missed Taiwan trip, the cancelling of House of Bishops, and the postponement of the Lambeth Conference to 2021, which will also include General Convention.
- He is working from home and is available if anyone needs to talk or has concerns.

• Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2020 at 9:00am on Zoom.

• Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.