

EDEO Diocesan Council

January 20, 2018 9:00 AM

Minutes of the Meeting

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2018

The Rev. Nancy Sargent Green (SC)

Karly Nash

Vicki Mosier

Class of 2019

Adrienne Brown

The Rev. Mary Lujan (SC)

Mary Link (SC)

Beth Spell

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Class of 2020

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Gregg Henton S/C

The Rev. Jed Holdorff (SC)

Barbara Mayo

Ex-Officio

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Kim McClain, Exec. Dir. Ascension School

Absent

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Julie Reynolds, S/C

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM. Beth Spell opened with prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove the Financial Report and reschedule it for the January 27, 2018 online meeting.

Approval of Minutes from November 2017 Council Retreat

M/S/C *Motion to approve the November 2017 Council Retreat Minutes. (Charlotte Wells, Randy Heise)*

Bishop's Report

- **Retreat Review**

Bishop Bell asked that everyone continue to think on the issues from the discussions at the November retreat to be prepared to speak on them the next time council meets in person.

- **COM Update**

COM held a meeting at Ascension School January 18 and 19 where they continued their work around the ordination process. They finalized the document from the Discernment Process and will be sharing that with congregations. Members of the Diocese of Idaho, including Bishop Thom and the Canon to the Ordinary, joined them on Friday for the first initial gathering around the IONA collaborative. There are currently at least 6 people who will be actively engaged in the process. The hopes are that number will increase.

- **Tom Brackett**

Tom Brackett, from the Office of Mission Development, was in the diocese in December and met with the Bishop and Lee Kiefer to talk about a program called Missio Engage. This is a pilot project that the diocese will take part in and a discussion around the program will be on the March Diocesan Council agenda. Lisa will send more information to council about the program.

- **Snake River Correctional Institute Congregation**

The Snake River Correctional Institute in Ontario has given approval to continue the process of forming an official EDEO congregation within the facility. The name of the congregation is Grace Chapel. St. Matthews will vote on their support to be a sponsor congregation and the information will be brought before council before the diocesan convention, where it will be put forth to be recognized as an established congregation in our diocese.

The bishop also reminded everyone about the upcoming *Hearing the Cries for Justice* event in Portland on January 30th.

Ascension School Executive Director Update

Kim McClain gave an update on operations manager Kim Lee, who is doing well. She is slowly trying to work her way towards her normal work schedule, but it will be several weeks until normal operations in the office are resumed.

The site assessment took place at the end of November and the report should be coming in the next week or so. During the down time in January the focus has been on looking at ways to reduce energy costs, such as cleaning out and turning off refrigerators and freezers, and testing all toilets and fixing any leaks. Ascension received notice that the largest regular user group will not be returning in 2018 due to budget cuts which means that the Ascension Budget needs to be revised to take that loss in to consideration. The contract averaged around \$38,000 so it is a significant blow to the budget.

The Mini-Splits (HVAC units) have been installed in the Founders Kitchen and should greatly improve working conditions during the hot summer months.

The Summer Camp theme for 2018 will be Building Compassion. Mary Lujan has offered to work on the scriptural foundations for that theme. Unfortunately, the Summer Camp Director that was hired at the end of last season will no longer be able to fulfill that commitment and the search for a replacement is underway. Several other staff positions are filled including an Assistant Camp Director.

Bisbee Grant Committee Report and Vote

Karly Nash, Adrienne Brown, and Charlotte Wells make up the Bisbee Grant Committee, with Karly acting as Chair.

Karly requested that this decision be deferred to the January 27th meeting due to a new development, which will be reported on in detail during that meeting.

New Business

Bishop Pat thanked all members of council who came to the ordination of Chuck Barnes in Hermiston on January 13th.

Adjourn

Nancy Green closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37AM