

EDEO Proposed Diocesan Council  
January 9, 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  
Kit Morgan  
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)  
The Rev. Joseph Farber  
Barbara Reynolds  
Beth Spell

**Ex-Officio**

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer  
Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

**Seat and Voice**

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council  
Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

**Visitor:**

Pamela Lyons Nelson  
Gretchen Kimsey

**Absent:**

James Foster, Chancellor

**Call to Order**

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake called the meeting to order at 10:03am Pacific Time. The Rev. Charlotte Wells offered the following Collect:

**Collect for Social Justice and Conflict**

*O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, especially the people of this land, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from October 2020.**

M/S/C            Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Karly Nash, Adrienne Brown)

M/S/C            Motion to approve the minutes from October 31, 2020 Meeting (Adrienne Brown, Randy Heise)

## Financial Report – Randy Heise

- Finance Overview

Randy Heise gave a brief report on the current finances. Yearend numbers will not be available until all December assessments have been received but the diocese is on track to end the year with a surplus of at least \$6000. The year end investment report shows the diocesan portfolio valued at just over \$2 million dollars, the highest it has been.

- 2021 Budget

Council discussed the possibility of offering COVID-19 relief through a reduction of the 22.5% assessment. It was determined that requests for relief would be handled on an individual basis should the need arise, rather than changing the current policy.

## Pamela Lyons Nelson Presentation

Gretchen Kimsey introduced Pamela Lyons Nelson, Convener of the Commission on Poverty and Homelessness in the Diocese of Oregon, who gave a presentation on Health Care for All Oregon. Pamela explained what Health Care for All Oregon's mission is and talked about ways the EDEO could become more involved. She explained that health care is a nonpartisan, gospel issue and the aim of the movement is to provide comprehensive, equitable, and high-quality healthcare to all Oregon residents. She will provide materials to Lisa to send out to council after the meeting with more information. Bishop Pat suggested that council discuss forming a sub committee to review these materials and discuss ways that EDEO can act on them.

## Bisbee Grant Committee Report and Vote

Barbara Reynolds reported that the Bisbee Grant Committee (Barbara, Charlotte Wells, and Beth Spell) recommends that the Bisbee Grant be awarded to Caretakers of the Land in the amount of \$3000 and St. Paul's, The Dalles for \$1000. Barbara explained that there were originally four applications but two of the applications were sent on to the Eastern Oregon Episcopal Foundation to be considered for their technology grant program.

**M/S/C**        *Motion to award the Bisbee Grant to Caretakers of the Land for \$3000 and to St. Paul's, The Dalles for \$1000. (Roy Green and Charlotte Wells)*

A discussion on the Sustainable Development Goals grant application and guidelines was postponed until the next Council meeting.

## Standing Committee Report

Roy Green reported that the sale of the Nyssa property is in process and should be completed in the next week or so. Standing Committee gave unanimous consent to elect Paula Clark as the next Bishop of Chicago. Bishop Pat gave a brief explanation of how Bishop consecrations are taking place during COVID-19. There was also a brief discussion regarding the St. Paul's, Klamath Falls building.

## Ascension School Update – Amy Jayne

Amy Jayne gave a brief update on Melanie's condition and reported that Ascension School has offered to cover her medical benefits payment through the end of 2021.

Due to several grants and over \$80,000 in financial gifts Ascension School is projected to end 2020 with a surplus. The 2021 budget will likely need to be revised based on the status of COVID-19 but the summer and fall calendar is full and she is looking forward to resuming business after the vaccine is widely distributed. She also shared an

updated Trail Project budget which showed that the project is ahead of schedule and was able to repay, in full, the Foundation bridge loan of \$15,000 two years earlier than anticipated.

Bobby Fossek had the opportunity to talk about the Trail Project on a podcast through Resilience.org. The link to the podcast is on Ascension School's Facebook page.

## Bishop's Report

Bishop Pat commended Amy on her work at Ascension School and expressed his pride in being part of EDEO and working with all the staff. He informed council that EDEO is supporting Amy's pursuit of her MDIV and MBA.

He announced that due to the events that had taken place at the Nation's Capital during the week he had signed a petition put out by the Presiding Bishop's office and the National Council of Churches calling for the removal of the current President of the United States as soon as possible.

Due to the status of Covid-19 cases in Oregon the Bishop has suspended all in person meetings for at least for the next couple of months.

With regards to the ongoing work of racial reconciliation he asked Standing Committee and Diocesan Council to give attention to the resource materials that were included in his latest newsletter, specifically the Sacred Ground curriculum. He also called attention to a piece linked in the newsletter from the Diocese of Iowa that specifically addresses repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.

In preparing for his Convention Address he has been thinking about ways that we can help develop leadership in our minority communities and how they might be a part of our diocesan life.

The Bishop also asked for prayers for Monday morning where he has been asked to open the House of Bishop's meeting with a prayer regarding Wednesday's events.

## Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

Aletha Bonebrake closed the meeting with prayer at 11:42am.

Some members stayed on to continue conversation with Pamela Lyons Nelson.