

EDEO Diocesan Council
Minutes
July 30-31, 2021
Ascension School, Cove

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2021

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)
The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake
Julie Reynolds (SC)
Kit Morgan
Vacancy - DC

Class of 2022

Adrienne Brown
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
James Foster, Chancellor

Seat and Voice

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

Absent:

The Rev. Kelly Mahon

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee met prior to Diocesan Council at 3:00pm.

Friday 5:00pm

Call to Order

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Barbara Reynolds, Adrienne Brown)*

M/S/C *Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2021, meeting as presented. (Barbara Reynolds, Adrienne Brown)*

Ascension School Report -Amy Jayne

Amy reported that Ascension School is still dealing with issues around the pandemic, and she is still planning and strategizing for the continuing crisis and infection rates. The 2021 budget is projected to be in the black thanks to generous donations and a full slate of outside rentals. She encouraged everyone to look around campus, all the buildings are open as the staff prepares for Junior High Camp. Council members would be able to see the many improvements that have been made in the last 18 months. Founders Hall and the Coe Kerr building are now ADA compliant and sidewalk lighting has been installed

throughout campus. The inside of the dorms have been painted, the bathrooms have new sinks and the shower stalls have new fixtures. There is also an outdoor chapel and remodeled firepit in addition to many other smaller projects.

The Chapel and Barton house roofs need to be replaced and Amy is writing a grant that will hopefully cover that cost. The determination of which projects take priority on campus is determined by the results of the 2018 engineering study and current health department recommendations.

Junior High camp starts on Sunday and will be the final camp of the season. The 5 interns have been exceptional this year and have also been participating in an internship around racial reconciliation based on the Sacred Ground curriculum from the Episcopal Church, as well as other resources.

Ascension School received the Roanridge Grant which will allow Amy to hire an intern for 1 year as a Program Director. As part of the grant, the Staff Cabin will be remodeled as housing for that position. The intern will help develop and promote adult and camp programming and will also take the lead on the Outdoor School program.

7200 native plants were planted on the Trail Project and the next steps will be creating wildlife habitats, planting camas seed, and installing the prayer and meditation stations along the path.

The Ascension Advisory Board meets in November and will be focusing on creating an updated Master Plan for Ascension School. They will be utilizing prior master plans as the foundation for that work. The focus will be on visioning, goals setting, and next steps for programming.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the following 2022 Ascension Advisory Board Appointments (Beth Spell, Randy Heise)*

- *Aaron Tensen*
- *Amy Tensen*
- *Makenzie Dyer*
- *Cindy Feibert*

Bishop Pat reported that he has asked Amy to implement changes to two camp activities. One change will be the removal of the tradition of raising the American Flag at camp, instead raising the Episcopal Flag. The other change will be eliminating the celebration of Eucharist during all camps, with the possible exception of Senior High Camp. Most of the campers come from unchurched environments and lack an understanding of what the sacrament means.

SDG Grants

Adrienne presented the proposed SDG grant application and purpose. The council offered modifications and Adrienne agreed to make those changes.

M/S/C *Motion to move forward with the modified SDG grant application. (Karly Nash, Charlotte Wells)*

Standing Committee Report-Roy Green

Roy Green reported on the following actions taken by Standing Committee at their meeting:

- They formalized their endorsement of Katy Nesbitt's ordination to the transitional diaconate.
- They formalized their vote to consent to the election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- Jim Foster, Chancellor for EDEO, reported to Standing Committee on the status of the sale of the property in Redmond, which is scheduled to close within the next two months.
- They received and reviewed a request for the dissolution of St. Paul's in Klamath Falls. A resolution regarding that closure will be reviewed by Diocesan Council and sent on to Convention, if approved.
- They reviewed and discussed the resolution on the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.
- There was discussion regarding the use of the house owned by EDEO that is in The Dalles and discussed how to work with St. Paul's with regards to the use of that property.

St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

St. Paul's in Klamath Falls is no longer meeting and the Bishop and some staff will go down in September or October to meet with any remaining members of the congregation and go through items that needs to be saved or transported.

Lisa will work with Tony Walz, the Senior Warden, on moving all financial responsibilities to the diocese as well as discussing what records will need to be kept and transported to the EDEO Archives.

Chancellor

Jim Foster will be retiring as Chancellor once the Redmond sale is complete. Bishop Pat presented him with a gift and thanks for his many years of faithful service to EDEO.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for the evening at 7:40pm.

Saturday 8:00am

Call to Order

Aletha called the meeting back to order at 8:37am and Bishop Pat opened with prayer.

Financial Report

Finance Committee Description and Terms

Bishop Pat asked council to approve an update to the Finance Committee's description to include 3 year terms for members of that committee.

M/S/C *Motion to approve 3 year terms for members of the EDEO Finance Committee. (Joseph Farber, Charlotte Wells)*

Rolling Average Approval

M/S/C *Motion to approve a 5% rolling average from the invested funds for the 2022 EDEO budget. (Barbara Reynolds, Beth Spell)*

2022 Draft Budget Presentation

Some important changes were made to the 2022 Diocesan Budget which include:

- Moving the salary for the Ascension School Operations Manager to the Ascension School operations budget.
- Increasing the pension benefit for the Diocesan Administrator by \$5000 to adjust for medical coverage costs not included in the budget. This amount will be renegotiated each year through an annual Letter of Agreement.

M/S/C *Motion to recommend the 2022 EDEO Budget to the 2021 Diocesan Convention for approval. (Joseph Farber, Adrienne Brown)*

Ascension School Budget

M/S/C *Motion to approve the reallocation of the Ascension funds listed below to create the supplemental Ascension Operations Manager Fund to help absorb that position into the Ascension School budget. (Doug Harder, Beth Spell)*

- \$50,000 from the Hodgkins' Trust approved for predicted 2021 Ascension Budget shortfall be reallocated for a supplemental fund for the Ascension Operations Manager's position (AOM Fund).
- \$25,000 from the EDEO 2020 surplus was approved to cover the Ascension 2020 deficit. \$8,000 will still be used for this purpose, but the remaining \$17,000 would be put in the AOM Fund.
- Finance Committee is also recommending that an additional \$13,000 be allocated to the AOM Fund from the remaining 2020 EDEO Surplus.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the 2022 Ascension School budget as presented. (Adrienne Brown, Barbara Reynolds)*

Fund Allocations

The funds listed below were reviewed by Diocesan Council. Council requested that Finance Committee meet to explore how to allocate the funds and make a recommendation to Council at the November Council Retreat.

- **Hodgkins Fund** -\$210,000.00 balance prior to Ascension School designation of \$50,000.00
- **Nyssa Fund**- Council previously designated \$39,510.00 from the sale of the Nyssa property to the Bishop's Search Fund. Up to \$15,000 of the remaining \$36,222.75 was approved to be used for the Morris Hall Floor replacement leaving potentially \$21,222.75.
- **Arlington Property Funds**-\$29508.53
- **2020 Surplus**-Balance prior to Ascension School designation \$63,024.20 *This balance may be adjusted pending the completion of the audit.
- **Klamath Falls Property and Buildings**- Not sold
- **St. Alban's, Redmond**

Diocesan Convention Update

Convention Offering

M/S/C *Motion to designate the 2021 Convention Offering for Caretakers of the Land (Karly Nash, Barbara Reynolds)*

Program

Bishop Pat shared the schedule with council that will include online business meetings in the week leading up to the Convention. This plan will allow the in person gathering to be dedicated to programming around the theme *On Sacred Ground*. All weekend events will be available virtually as well. Dr. Bradley Hauff, Missioner for Indigenous Ministries at the National Church, will be the keynote speaker.

Resolutions

- **Health Care for All**

Joseph and Charlotte presented the Resolution to Support the Adoption of Universal Healthcare which is asking council and Convention to endorse the idea of universal care. The resolution is attached at the end of these minutes.

M/S/C *Motion to recommend the amended Resolution to Support the Adoption of Universal Healthcare to the Convention Resolutions Committee for consideration at the 2021 Diocesan Convention. (Joseph Farber, Charlotte Wells)*

- **Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery**

Roy Green and Amy Jane presented the resolution to council. Bishop Pat reported that he had shared a draft of the resolution with Dr. Bradley Hauff, Missioner for Indigenous Ministries at the National Church. Dr. Hauff responded that he had not seen such a well-researched and formulated resolution and asked if he could share the final version with other dioceses and entities that are working on similar resolutions. He also offered a few helpful suggestions which were incorporated into the resolution.

Aletha asked if any prior communication would be happening with parishes, besides in the Pre-Convention Journal, around the subject of the resolution. The committee will be meeting to discuss ways that this could be implemented. The resolution is included at the end of these minutes.

M/S/C *Motion to recommend the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and Steps Toward Reconciliation Resolution to the Convention Resolution Committee for consideration at the 2021 Diocesan Convention and to authorize the formation of a commission to continue the work laid out in the resolution. (Roy Green, Karly Nash)*

- **Establish a Commission for ongoing work on the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.**

The members of the committee that drafted the resolution will be the commission members. They are Karly Nash, Beth Spell, Charlotte Wells, Roy Green, Barbara Reynolds, and Amy Jayne. The commission will temporarily be called the Commission on Reconciliation.

- **St. Paul's, Klamath Falls**

The resolution is included at the end of these minutes.

M/S/C *Motion to recommend the Resolution on the Closing of St. Paul's Klamath Falls to the Diocesan Convention Resolution Committee for consideration at the 2021 Diocesan Convention. (Joseph Farber, Beth Spell).*

Registration

Convention registration will go live within the next two weeks.

Candidates and Confirmations

Candidates are still needed for the open positions on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee. The outgoing members are tasked with recruiting potential candidates. All other vacancies on commissions and committees have candidates and are ready to be confirmed by Convention.

Bishop's Report

Covid Vaccine Discussion

The following decisions were made by Diocesan Council due to the increases in cases of Covid 19.

M/S/C *Motion to require all Diocesan and Ascension employees over 18 be vaccinated immediately and provide their employer with proof of vaccination, and that all employees follow CDC guidelines regarding mask requirements. (Doug Harder, Adrienne Brown)*

M/S/C *Motion to affirm that Diocesan Council supports the Bishop in strongly recommending that all participants in Diocesan events and parish gatherings are fully vaccinated and that all participants in indoor gatherings must be fully and properly masked until further notice. (Aletha Bonebrake, Charlotte Wells)*

The Bishop also confirmed that singing is now allowed if those participating are fully masked.

Executive Council Diocesan Relief Grants

M/S/C *Motion to apply for the Executive Council Diocesan Relief Grant to fund the Commission on Reconciliation and the work indicated in the Resolution on the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. (Barbara Reynolds, Beth Spell)*

Thank you to outgoing members.

Bishop Pat thanked the following outgoing members for the service to the diocese as their terms end at Diocesan Convention:

- The Rev. Roy Green
- Julie Reynolds
- The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake
- Kit Morgan

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.