

**EDEO Diocesan Council**  
**March 4-5, 2016**  
**Bend, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Present:**

The Rt. Rev. Bavi “Nedi” Rivera, Bishop  
Bishop Elect Patrick Bell

**Ex-Officio**

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention  
Jerry Frazier, Treasurer

**CLASS of 2016**

The Rev. Anna Carmichael, S/C  
Randy Heise  
The Rev. Kathy Macek  
Beth Spell  
Charlie Cagle, S/C

**CLASS of 2017**

The Rev. Dcn. Georgia Giacobbe  
Kim McClain, S/C  
Marjorie Thelen  
The Rev. Jed Holdorff, S/C

**Class of 2018**

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake  
Julie Reynolds, S/C  
The Rev. Nancy McGrath Sargent Green, S/C

**Seat and Voice**

Lisa Boquist, Staff  
Patricia Olson-Lindsey, Ex. Director of Ascension School

**Absent**

Vicki Mosier  
Karly Nash  
Bill Taylor

**Guest**

Ruth Tsu

**Friday 5:00PM**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM on Friday.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**M/S/C**

***The agenda was amended to include the following items and approved as amended***

- ***Audit of the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund***
- ***Referred Resolution***
- ***Approval of the minutes from December 2015***  
***(Charlie Cagle , Aletha Bonebrake)***

## Reconnection and introduction

The council did a short check –in and icebreaker using the Lent Madness bracket

## Approval of Minutes from January 2016 and December 2015

A request was made that when monetary issues are discussed during meetings that the dollar amounts be included in the minutes. Patty Olson-Lindsey indicated that the numbers in question, having to do with Ascension School, would be attached to the December 2015 minutes.

**M/S/C**            ***The minutes from December 2015 and January 2016 were approved as written.  
(Anna Carmichael, Charlie Cagle)***

## Commission on Diversity Report-Ruth Tsu

Ruth Tsu gave a report on the Commission on Celebrating Diversity. The current members of the commission are: Matt Littau, Jan Kozak, Anne Scissons, Red Stevens, Beth and Jim Spell, Doug Harder, and Ruth Tsu.

The commission has been involved in the following:

- Presented a workshop at Convention
- Attended the following workshops:
  - o Collins lecture
  - o Workshop on cultural competency
  - o Trinity Institute

Anna requested that the committee keep tabs on what Church Next is offering in the way of racial justice and inform congregations when items related to that might be offered.

The Bishop and council expressed their gratitude towards Ruth and the committee for all of the work that they are doing in bringing the issues to the diocese.

## Update on Bishop Browning

Anna Carmichael reported that Bishop Browning is in the hospital and the family is requesting that there be no phone calls or visits, cards are welcome. Bishop Nedi made plans to visit with the family after the conclusion of the meeting on Saturday.

## Dinner

The council adjourned for dinner at 5:50 and reconvened at 6:45

## **Ascension School Report-Patty Olson Lindsey**

Patty gave the following updates on events and programs at Ascension School:

- Construction on the new building has begun with a Ground Breaking Ceremony occurring on Feb. 19, 2016.
- She turned in a UTO grant on March 4<sup>th</sup>, Julie Reynolds assisted with that process.
- Ascension School received a 30,000 matching grant for the new building and they are working on appealing to congregations to participate in that challenge.
- The staff is busy planning for Summer Camp and Adult Education
  - Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori will be the speaker at this year's adult ed and they have received over 30 registrations already.
  - The theme for this year's summer camp program is All Things Bright and Beautiful. They are using a curriculum written by Beth Bejorski that is based on caring for God's creation.
- There will be no Cursillo this year but there will be a team retreat at Ascension School.
- Work Weekend is Memorial Day weekend and will now be called Labor of Love Weekend.
- The Creative Space weekend has been postponed until next spring.

## **Remarks from and conversation with Bishop Elect Patrick Bell**

Bishop Elect Bell gave some remarks about his excitement at being our next bishop and his appreciation for the leadership that Bishop Nedi has given in the diocese.

## **Financial Report**

Patty Lindsey and Lisa Boquist reported on the year end numbers for 2015 and reviewed the 2016 budget. Council asked that a column be created in the budget that shows any amendments that were made by council. Patty indicated that she would add that column and have it ready for the May meeting. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

There was a short discussion about planning for the future of the archive project.

Randy Heise reported that there has been an account line added titled carryover and the finance committee is still exploring moving that into the budget.

## Treasurer's Report

Jerry Frazier announced that he has officially retired from the position of Diocesan Treasurer and this would be his final meeting. The bishop and the council thanked him for his many years of service.

### **M/S/C**      **Resolution for Signature Authority**

**Resolved** that the authorized signers on the Diocesan US Bank checking account ending in 7424 be: Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer; Arnold Coe, Finance Committee; Patricia Olson Lindsey, Ascension School Executive Director; Kathryn Macek, Diocesan Council Member, and Patrick Bell, Bishop Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

**Resolved** that the authorized signers on the Diocesan CB Financial checking account ending in 1366 be: : Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer; Arnold Coe, Finance Committee; Patricia Olson Lindsey, Ascension School Executive Director; Kathryn Macek, Diocesan Council Member, and Patrick Bell, Bishop Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. (Jerry Frazier, Anna Carmichael)

### **M/S/C**      **Resolved** that the below listed persons be Authorized Persons on the Wells Fargo Advisors investment account numbers:

Endowment Account	1470-1489
Non-Endowment Account	5824-1450
Ascension School Campaign 2015 Account	3994-8135

**Randy Heise**, Diocesan Treasurer;  
**Patrick Bell**, Bishop Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon  
**Jerry Frazier**, former Diocesan Treasurer  
  
(Jerry Frazier, Anna Carmichael)

### **M/S/C**      **to nominate Randy Heise to be the new Diocesan Treasurer effective at noon March 5, 2016.** **(Nedi Rivera and Nancy Green)**

## Adjourn until 8:00AM Saturday Morning

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

**Saturday March 5, 2016 8:00AM**

**Eucharist**

Bishop Nedi led the council in the Eucharist.

**Standing Committee Report**

Kim McClain reported that Standing Committee and Bishop-Elect Bell had reached an agreement on his Letter or Agreement and invited council to gather in the sanctuary for the official signing of the document.

Kim also gave an update on the status of the Consents. 7 consents from Standing Committees had been received so far and there are 56 required for a majority.

**Resolution Referred to Dioceses for the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention**

Doug Harder reported on the Resolutions referred from General Convention. He has divided them into sections depicting resolutions that we have already been working on in relation to the commissions that already exist in our diocese. The report on EDEO's actions needs to be sent to the General Convention office by December 1, 2017. Some of these resolutions will also need to be read at Diocesan Convention in October.

**Resolution on the 7<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Eastern Oregon**

Bishop Elect Pat put forth the following resolution which was unanimously approved by council:

**M/S/C**

***The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon  
Right Reverend Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera Resolution***

***March 5, 2016***

*Submitted by: Standing Committee & Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon*

***Whereas*** the episcopate is the collective body of all the bishops of a diocese, the term is also used to refer to the status and term in office of an individual bishop; and

***Whereas*** the historical episcopate comprises all the bishops who are in valid Apostolic Succession, and this succession is transmitted from each bishop to their successors by the rite of Holy Orders; and

***Whereas*** the first four bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon were appointed by the House of Bishops and not elected; and

***Whereas*** the Rt. Rev. Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera was elected by Diocesan Convention on May 23, 2009 in Cove, Oregon to serve as Provisional Bishop and had already gone through the consent process for her position as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Olympia; and

***Whereas*** the Rt. Rev. Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera has served the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon for seven plus years following the Rt. Rev. William Gregg, 6th Bishop of Eastern Oregon; therefore

***Be it resolved*** that, by unanimous consent, the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon names the Rt. Rev. Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera as the 7th Bishop of this diocese.

*(Beth Spell, Nancy Green)*

### **Audit of the Bishop's Discretionary Funds**

Finance Committee reviewed the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and found nothing out of the ordinary and the funds have been used appropriately.

Council advised that a diocesan policy on the use of the Bishop Discretionary Fund should be created.

### **Bishop Elect Patrick Bell's Consecration Planning**

Kathy Macek gave an update on the Transition Committee's work in planning the Ordination events for April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bishop Rivera's Closing Report**

Bishop Nedi gave her final address to council and thanked the council and Jerry Frazier for being such wonderful partners in her ministry to EDEO.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Minutes approved March 21, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nedi Rivera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.