

EDEO Diocesan Council
October 31, 2020
Zoom Online Meeting
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

Absent:

James Foster, Chancellor

Call to Order

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

Approval of the Agenda

M/S/C *Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Karly Nash, Roy Green)*

Election of Co-Chair

M/S/C *Motion to elect The Rev Aletha Bonebrake as Diocesan Council Co-Chair.
(Roy Green, Randy Heise)*

Approval of the Consent Calendar

M/S/C *Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. (Ann Marie Hardin, Karly Nash)*

Diocesan Convention Review

There was a brief discussion about convention. The Rev. Kelly Mahon reported that the Convention Committee will be meeting on November 13th to discuss the results of the surveys and will have a more thorough report to present at the next meeting.

Standing Committee Report

Roy Green gave a report on the latest bishop elections that Standing Committee had participated in:

- The Rev'd Diana Akiyama as Bishop of Oregon
- The Rev'd Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler as Bishop of Wyoming.

He also reported that Ann Marie Hardin was elected as Standing Committee Secretary and that he would continue in his role as Standing Committee President.

Doug Harder reported that the Nyssa property sale is still under discussion. The discovery of significant roof damage and subsequent repair costs could influence the sale price.

St. Alban's in Redmond is negotiating a water rights sale with the city of Redmond. Jim Foster is helping them with that process.

Formation of Bisbee Grant Committee

Barbara Reynolds, Charlotte Wells, and Beth Spell volunteered to be on the Bisbee Grant Committee and will report to council in January with their recommendations.

M/S/C *Motion to appoint The Rev Charlotte Wells, Beth Spell, and Barbara Reynolds to the Bisbee Grant committee. (Kelly Mahon, Adrienne Brown)*

Ascension School Report

Amy Jayne introduced Bobby Fossek and Jaishiri Spencer to address council regarding a proposed partnership called:

Naknuwithlama Tichamna – Caretakers of This Land. (Full proposal attached to these minutes)

The partnership would be between EDEO, Bobby, and Jaishiri and would entail the diocese walking alongside them during the creation of a separate 501-C3. The diocesan staff will work with Bobby and Jaishiri to create a business plan, budget, bylaws, best practices, and other basic structures of a nonprofit. During that development time they

would also be able to utilize the diocesan status as a nonprofit to apply for grants and seek out other sources of funding.

Council will create a resolution to firmly establish their support of this venture and present it at the next meeting. Roy Green and Charlotte Wells agreed to draft the resolution.

M/S/C *Motion to support Bobby Fosseck and Jaishiri Spencer in development of their nonprofit, Naknuwithlama Tichamna – Caretakers of This Land, by providing support to them through administrative and financial resources. (Ann Marie Hardin, Adrienne Brown.)*

2020 Sustainable Development Goals Distribution-Report from Committee

Adrienne Brown presented a proposal for the structure of the grant process for the Sustainable Development Goals funds. Council discussed the proposal and offered some changes. Adrienne will adapt the proposal and bring it back to council at the January meeting.

Bishop Comments

Bishop Pat gave a brief update on the changes to in person worship recommendations and noted that he will be monitoring the virus numbers very carefully over the next few months and will adjust as necessary.

2021 Meeting Dates

- January 9th @ 10:00am Online
- April 10th @ 10:00am-Online
- August 27-28, Ascension School
- November 5-6 Ascension School

New Business

Aletha complimented Beth Spell on running for office and honored her willingness to serve.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

Naknuwithlama Tichamna ***Caretakers of this Land***

Stewarding and Strengthening the Symbiotic Indigenous Life Ways and Habitats of the Blue Mountain Bioregion

We are: People Indigenous to this land whose lives are devoted to the stewardship and adaptive restoration of her habitats, life ways and languages through Seasonal Round and cultural revitalization camps. Together we are remembering how to take care of the Earth, Ourselves, and Each Other as we are immersed in the tapestry of the land and the trails of our Ancestors.

Through taking care of camp and all the journey in between, we are shaped and strengthened by the patterns of the land and gain valuable life skills that will help us along our path moving forward.

When we practice natural ways of life such as gathering foods, medicines, and materials, weaving, hunting, fishing, horsemanship, ecosystem restoration, natural building, Tamaycht(Earth Oven) and so forth, we learn and grow to understand the intricacies of both the inner and outer landscapes and how they are connected.

While we tend that sacred fire, many stories will be shared, and much knowledge of these lands, languages, and life ways will be passed on and carried forward to help the generations to come and to help us through these challenging times we are facing now.

This is merely a glimpse of the strength and healing we find through ***Tamanwit, the Natural Law Way of Life.***

Tamanwit and the Seasonal Rounds

In the beginning, the Humans did not know how to live on this land and needed to be taken care of. All of the individual beings of these lands and waters, the water included, stood up in a certain order, offering to teach us how to follow the Seasonal Rounds and the First Foods from the lower elevations in the Winter, and up into the foothills, mountains and high valleys as spring emerged and summer approached, then eventually on back to each families Winter Camp as Fall came and the weather turned colder. All our relations made the promise to take care of us as long as we always take care of them and live in a way that does not create imbalance for the future generations. This is the root of our relationship with the web of life and our time on Earth as well as the guiding light for our moral compass, value system and societal function. The forced separation from the land and life ways and the attempts to assimilate us into sedentary lifestyles and diets are the root of most of our

environmental, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual imbalances that we are challenged by today.

The revitalization of our Lands, Languages, and Life ways, has the power to mend these broken hoops and give our youth and families the strength, resilience, balance, and adaptability needed to lead us into the future.

Goals:

Present:

- Continue managing the restoration project at Ascension, doing much of it as aspects of our camps, existing camps, and outdoor education opportunities for local youth and families.
- *Incubation:* Work with Ascension and EDEO to learn about the management of a 501c3 and to propagate *Naknuwithlama Tichamna* into a Non-Profit Organization.
- *Fiscal Sponsorship:* Begin building a budget for 2021 Seasonal Round Camps through a fiscal sponsorship collaboration with EDEO to open more funding streams for grants, donations, etc.
- Fall/Winter Natural Materials Gathering for 2021 projects and camps.
- Plan for 2021 First Foods Camps out on the land and the Earth Oven Camas Bake at Ascension School.
- Continue refining skills and knowledge

Long-Term:

- Launch 501c3 Non-Profit
- Build a strong budget to fund camps and increase accessibility for youth and families.
- Provide funding for language and culture teachers
- Seasonal Round Immersion Camps/Workshops Year-Round:
 - Winter: Language and Craft Immersion
 - Spring to Fall: Land-Based Immersions
- Support and Strengthen Future Indigenous leaders and allies
- Create training and earth stewardship jobs for young adults who would like to expand and spend parts of their year maintaining trails, gathering sites and forests, working in restoration, etc.
- Increased balance and overall well-being through healing our relationship with the natural systems.