

EDEO Diocesan Council Meeting
September 8, 2020
Zoom
Draft Minutes

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2020

The Rev. Jed Holdorph (SC)

Karly Nash (SC)

Barbara Reynolds

Vacancy - DC

Class of 2021

The Rev. Roy Green (SC)

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake

Julie Reynolds (SC)

Vacancy

Class of 2022

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Adrienne Brown

Class of 2022

Steve Winkle (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells

Ex-Officio

Doug Harder, Secretary of Convention

Randy Heise, Diocesan Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Absent:

James Foster, Chancellor

The Rev. Joseph Farber

Kit Morgan

Ellen Nesbitt

5:00pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. Bishop Pat led the council in prayer for those affected by the wildfires in Oregon, Washington, and California.

Financial Report

- **Finance Committee Report**

EDEO Treasurer Randy Heise explained that Finance Committee had created the 2021 budget using the normal parameters with the knowledge that the pandemic could alter outcomes.

- **Invested Funds Update**

Randy reviewed the latest invested funds report which showed that the diocesan investment portfolio has bounced back from the sharp decline that occurred in the spring.

- **2021 Draft Budget Presentation**

The 2021 Budget recommended by Finance Committee was presented to Diocesan Council for review. Randy led the council through a line by line review. In the process it was noted that the Commission on Ministry line item was \$0 when in fact it should have been \$4000. There was a brief discussion regarding the Bishop's salary and whether Social Security is to be included in the maximum amount a retired clergy is allowed to earn. Randy indicated that he would call Church Pension Group to confirm.

M/S/C Motion to decrease the Collegium Account line from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and increase the Commission on Ministry Account line to \$4000. (Roy Green, Aletha Bonebrake)

M/S/C Motion to recommend the 2021 Draft Budget as adjusted to Convention. (Randy Heise, Doug Harder)

- **Ascension Budget**

Amy Jayne, Executive Director of Ascension School Camp and Conference Center reviewed the status of Ascension School's 2020 budget and presented the 2021 draft budget to council. Ascension School will be operating at a deficit for 2020 but Finance Committee had approved the use of the surplus expected in the 2020 EDEO budget to cover the shortfall.

The 2021 budget was developed using a 60% capacity model and also included keeping all staff on at current levels with some increases in salaries to keep positions competitive. With that reduction in expected income Ascension School is anticipating another deficit at the end of 2021.

The Hodgkin's Trust currently has \$110,000 of undesignated funds available.

M/S/C Motion to use the Hodgkin's Trust funds to balance Ascension School's budget at the end of 2021. (Doug Harder, Roy Green)

Barbara Reynolds inquired about the 2019 SDG funds that were given to Ascension School for the bus. Amy asked that council consider approving an alternate use for those funds since camp was cancelled and the bus was not needed.

M/S/C Motion to approve the use of the 2019 SDG funds for camp costs associated with the pivot to providing content while not being able to meet in person. (Barbara Reynolds, Adrienne Brown)

- **2020 Sustainable Development Goal Designation**

Council decided to use the SDG fund as a Grant program for EDEO. Adrienne Brown agreed to chair a committee to create guidelines for the grant and Barbara Reynolds agreed to assist. They will bring their recommendations to council at the next meeting. The designated funds will be moved out of the operating budget and placed in a separate fund.

- **2020 Convention Offering Designation**

The Bishop recommended that because this year's convention will be held virtually that there be no official convention offering taken. Council was in agreement with this decision.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.