

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EASTERN OREGON
DIOCESAN COUNCIL RETREAT

Minutes of the Meeting
January 21, 2012
via Adobe Connect and AT&T teleconference

PRESENT:

The Rt. Rev. Bavi "Nedi" Rivera, Bishop

Class of 2012

Arnold Coe, S/C

The Rev. Paul Morton, S/C

Sue Powers

Terry Rahmsdorff

Class of 2013

Laurance Kerr, S/C

The Rev. Christy Close Erskine, S/C

Bobby Fox

Ruth Tsu

The Rev. Anna Carmichael

Visitors

Jeanie Senior, Diocesan Communications Manager

ABSENT:

The Rev. Dcn Ruth Brown, Class of 2012 - excused

Terry Joakimides, Secretary of Convention

Bergen Bull - Legal advisor to the Bishop - excused

Saturday, January 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Terry Rahmsdorff at 9:50 a.m. Bishop Nedi led the group in prayer. Christy Close Erskine offered a prayer for Bob Moore whose injuries were being assessed following a fall on ice.

At Bishop Nedi's request, Diane Adams read the Norms as listed at the Council Retreat in November.

Sue Powers **moved** approval for this meeting of the norms as read. The motion was **seconded and passed**.

Financial Report

Jerry Frazier reviewed proposed changes to the 2012 budget. The changes include:

- Line 21, Strategic Development Fund - addition of \$4100 from Strategic Development Fund to fund expense changes in the budget.

- Line 48, Standing Committee/Diocesan Council – increase line item from \$10,000 to \$14,100 to accommodate increase in mileage reimbursement
- Line 52. Conferences and Memberships – increase line item from \$5000 to \$5900 to accommodate membership in TENS (\$1800 for 2012 and 2013; \$900 each year.)

Discussion followed. In response to a question, it was noted that the costs of the Adobe Connect meeting would come from line 48. In response to another question, Jerry explained the origin and intent of the Strategic Development Fund. Sue Powers noted that an additional \$1800 should be added to line 21 to cover the addition to line 52.

Arnold Coe **moved** that the treasurer be authorized to cover over-expenditures on lines 48 and 52 with money from the Strategic Development Fund. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Standing Committee Report

Jim Mosier reported that the Standing Committee met prior to Diocesan Council and approved the elections in the Diocese of New York, the Diocese of Central Florida, and the Diocese of Haiti.

Resolution

The Resolution on Episcopal Church Foundation involvement in Ascension School Endowment Campaign was read.

BE IT RESOLVED that Patty Lindsey, Ascension School Executive Director, engage The Episcopal Church Foundation, in the next steps of planning for the Ascension School Endowment. This will include a Foundation Consultant coming to Eastern Oregon at no charge to the Diocese, to make a presentation to the Endowment Development Committee. This presentation will include a proposal of how we could proceed in developing our Endowment.

Arnold reviewed the resolution. Discussion followed. In response to a question, it was clarified that Council has already given Ascension School approval for the endowment campaign.

Arnold Coe **moved** acceptance of the resolution. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Approval of Minutes

At Terry's request, Diane commented on the minutes, noting that editing of the Norms had been requested, but she left them as transcribed from the newsprint.

It was **moved** by Julie Sarazin, **seconded and passed** to accept the minutes of the November 11-13, 2011 meeting as presented.

February/March Meetings

Diane reviewed the proposed meeting times of February 25 for a one agenda meeting; the possibility of meeting in addition on February 24 to cover items postponed from the January meeting; and the meeting scheduled for March 9-10. Discussion followed regarding dates, location, and mode of meetings. Various members indicated conflicts with either the February or March dates. Arnold Coe moved and it was seconded and passed to

hold one meeting in March. Discussion continued regarding the amount of work to be accomplished in one meeting with the inclusion of the open meeting on Futures.

Anna Carmichael **moved** to reconsider the previous decision; to have a face-to-face meeting in February to discuss Futures and an electronic meeting in March to deal with other agenda items. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Paul Morton **moved** to have a full day meeting on Saturday, February 25, in Bend, on Futures, and to have a clear format and agenda for the March meeting. The motion was **seconded** and **passed**.

Questions were asked regarding time of meeting and format. It was suggested that Council meet at 8 a.m. on February 25 for breakfast. Diane suggested that the Futures discussion planning group decide on time and format for the meeting. It was noted that Council members should come with calendar dates for when they are available to make parish visits.

Closing Business

The use of teleconferencing for the meeting was reviewed. Those who commented expressed appreciation for not having to travel, for Terry's management of the meeting, and for the relative ease of the format given that it was a first attempt on short notice. Bishop Nedi suggested that the diocese either negotiate with the Diocese of Nevada to continue to use their license or get our own license for Adobe Connect.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes of January, 2012 meetings prepared by Diane Adams, Diocesan Staff.

2012 Meeting Dates:

February 25

- Day on futures; open meeting
- Parish visits

March 9-10

- EDEO DMP?
- Report on Convention planning
- Report on video conferencing
- Interim report on long term communication strategy – Kim
- Rules of Order: DC, SC, Convention – Arnold
- Report of Haiti and Here
- Lay Personnel policy

May 18-19

- Clergy standards & LoAs

August 3-4

- 2013 Budget

- Convention preparation
October 12-14, Convention, Bend
November 9-11, Retreat, Ascension School

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