

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Bruce Caldwell. The Rev. Brian Cole led the council in prayer. Those present were Ben Newsome, Barbara Crain, The Rev. Mary Kilbourne-Huey, The Rev. Sister Judy Yunker, The Rev. Keila Thomas, Elmer Parlier, Fred Brockmeier, Steve Oberman, The Rev. Amanda Musterman, Allison Duvall, Natalie Gabbard, Laura Boison, Rick Smoot, Gwen Collins and Jim Kimbrough. Those present by virtue of their office were Mary T. Yeiser as Chancellor, Jane Fitzpatrick as Vice Chancellor, Ruth Lawton, Missioner of Finance, Lisa Edwards representing ECW and Ann Davis McClain as Secretary. Also present were The Rev. Bob Sessum and Sarah Harcourt-Watts, Reading Camp Director.

MINUTES

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes from the December meeting were **approved** with no additions from Laura Boison.

READING CAMP

Sarah Harcourt-Watts gave a slide presentation on various camps throughout the Diocese and spoke about several students involved in the camps, as well as the students who meet at Mission House throughout the school year. Pamphlets were passed around showing the various upcoming camps and the agendas. Numerous grants were discussed which funds about 75% of her budget. She will be taking 12 weeks maternity leave in May and an interim director has been hired to fill in during this time.

FINANCE REPORT

The Rev. Bob Sessum and Dave Sevigny, by way of telephone, spoke on the status of our financial situation. Ruth Lawton sends out monthly statements for dental insurance. Some high points were:

- St. Michael's is current on all amounts owed as of December 31, 2016.
- Domain closed with \$14,000 over. Persons who have pledged to the Domain but have not followed through will be contacted to possibly get them to fulfill their pledge. The unrestricted savings have been exhausted.
- St. Agnes House has received a good amount of donations; their unrestricted funds have been exhausted.

- Reading Camp finished with \$24,000.00. \$23,000.00 has already been received in grants. \$15,000.00 has been transferred to Reading Camp from Mission and Ministry.
- Network is good, where they need to be.
- Sauls loan payment is current with \$2200.00 left to pay.
- Our Savior Madison County has sold their property to Kentucky Utilities for \$200,000.00.
- Seven churches have not fulfilled their assessment for 2016 and they will be contacted.

Fr. Sessum then offered the following resolutions for approval.

Resolution 01312017A on Our Savior partial property sale to KU

Whereas the sale of a portion of the property at Our Savior Richmond to KY Utilities for an approximate sale price of \$200,000 has provided net proceeds to the Diocese of Lexington in the amount of approximately \$199,650;

Be it resolved that the EC of the Diocese of Lexington authorizes the payoff of the loan balance (principle and interest) from Our Savior Richmond from the Loan Fund of \$158,037.38,

and furthermore, be it resolved that the cost of the required appraisal of the property of approximately \$500 be paid from this proceeds,

and furthermore be it resolved that the balance after all expenses (approximately \$41,112.62) be returned to the Capital Improvement Fund of Our Savior church in Richmond KY. **APPROVED**

Resolution 01312017B Replacement Resolution for Trent Blvd Property

Purpose: The EC approved the following resolution at their Feb 2016 meeting. Since then, St. Martha's has relocated to a shared space with another congregation, and seems to be content with their worship arrangements, and is still considering the mission of The Episcopal Church Retirement Home. The Diocese has recently met with Episcopal Retirement Homes on the subject property at Trent Blvd and would like to commit the \$50,000 (approximately \$38,000 to reimburse for renovations and \$12,000 for various program materials) of the funds that were rec'd from the sale of the former St. Martha's property at Trent Blvd to create a partnership with the facility and its community.

Resolution on the use of a portion of "St. Martha's Funds"

Whereas, The Episcopal Church Retirement Homes has requested from the Diocese to partner with a local congregation to support their mission and

Whereas, St. Martha's Episcopal Church has answered the call for partnership,

Therefore be it resolved that the Diocese of Lexington will release up to \$50,000 of DFMS funds held by the Diocese (current DFMS account 80.1480 balance of \$175,824) to use for renovations to common space at the Episcopal Church Retirement Home in South Lexington as a covenant agreement for use of worship space and offices at no additional charge. **APPROVED**

New Resolution: 01312017C

Whereas the Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington approved at its Feb 2016 meeting a resolution to support a worship space with up to \$50,000 within the new Episcopal Church Retirement Home in South Lexington at Trent Blvd with funds that were set aside from the sale of the property at Trent Blvd (the former location of St. Martha's),

Whereas, the funds were never transferred to the Episcopal Retirement Home and still reside as of January 31, 2017 in the account held at DFMS by the Diocese of Lexington,

Whereas, the Diocese of Lexington has answered the call for partnership with the Episcopal Retirement Home at Trent Blvd,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Diocese of Lexington will release \$50,000 of DFMS funds held by the Diocese (current DFMS account 80.1480), with an approximate balance of \$179,149 on 12/31/2016, to reimburse for worship space renovations and purchase program materials at the Episcopal Church Retirement Home on Trent Blvd as a covenant agreement for use of this space for programs and worship. **APPROVED**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary T. Yeiser reported that a video was made by the Standing Committee and will be presented at our convention this month. A search will not be started in the foreseeable future, needing time to determine what is needed for our diocese. It was noted that Executive minutes should be posted on the Link.

On motion made by Mary T. Yeiser, and seconded, Executive Council went into executive session.

On motion made by Mary T. Yeiser, and seconded, Executive Council came out of executive session.

On motion made and seconded, The Rev. Peter D'Angio was authorized to execute the settlement agreement and release pertaining to St. Agnes House employees, with the understanding that the Diocese will pay the \$5,000.00 deductible. **PASSED**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Allison Duvall informed the council that the data from the recent survey is being looked at to determine the results, which will be presented at convention. The information will also be shared at the three pre-convention hearings.

BISHOP'S REPORT

The Diocese has 34 faith communities, 4 affiliated ministries (Domain, St. Agnes House, St. Augustine, Reading Camp), various programs (Youth Ministry, Young Adults, Racial Reconciliation, Prison Ministry and Companion Diocese), along with Mission House.

Mission House provides three primary functions.

1. Regulatory – all that is necessary for the life and order of the diocese (discipline, leadership transition, fiduciary responsibilities, administration, etc.)
2. Consultant – providing resource services and skills to congregations to build vitality (Network, Small Church Development, Coaching, planning, etc.)
3. Oversight of Collective Action – all those ministries and programs that exceed a single congregation's capacity (campus ministry, camping ministry, schools, conferencing, etc.)

The annual income for the Diocese is about \$14,000,000, broken down as follows:

Congregational collections-	\$12,000,000
Affiliated ministries -	\$ 700,000
Mission House -	\$ 1,125,000
(Mission and Ministry)	

The total Executive Council oversees is \$1,900,000, with the four (4) revenue flows being:

- Assessments – 61%
- Fees – 18%
- Charitable giving – 14%
- Endowment income – 7%

WRITTEN REPORTS

All written reports were accepted as presented.

PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEE

No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Attached is the report from Natalie Gabbard, chair of the Nominating Committee. Another person is needed to fill the slate for Executive Council Lay. Another clergy is needed to fill the slate for General Convention.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION PLANNING

Canon Johnstone indicated that the theme of the convention will be “*The Jesus Movement*” from Bishop Curry. She spoke on numerous aspects we can expect at convention. Council members gave their thoughts on what they would like to see come out of the convention.

ST AGNES HOUSE – UPDATE

There is a small but committed board trying to figure out what to do since there is no director at St. Agnes House right now. Bishop Caldwell wants to watch very carefully what direction the board goes. There are ways we could keep the mission going by transferring it to some other body that does it better than we are able.

CATHEDRAL DOMAIN – UPDATE

There is a Domain board and a task force evaluating and imagining the future for the Domain. The Task Force came up with a rather large report sharing a vision. Bishop Caldwell wants to appoint a committee with Ned Crankshaw and Katherine Harper as Co-Chairmen, to do a very strategic plan for the future. This group will work under the Domain board to do the work; he thinks it will be a refining plan, focusing on camping rather than conference center.

CAMPUS MINISTRY – UPDATE

Canon Johnstone stated that Dana Lockhart’s call was an interim call at St. Augustine’s and he has been called to St. John’s Versailles in March, which leaves St. Augustine’s with no clergy. Bishop Caldwell visited there last Sunday night. He spoke to the attendees on having a plan with a building and a plan without a building, a clergy person and not a clergy person. Our Diocese has an offer from the University of Kentucky to purchase the building. No decision has been made yet; the Board will be making some decisions soon. The Program Committee will be consulted as to where campus ministry was ranked in the survey.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

How the discernment process will be handled will be coming out in the very near future. They are developing a process for licensing eucharistic visitors and

preachers. We have three postulants currently, some persons doing nominations, and a few persons wanting to do parish discernments.

The outgoing council members were thanked for all their service to this Diocese.

Fr. Cole prayed us into the world.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Davis McClain
Secretary