

September 14, 2009 Minutes of Diocesan Council

Joan Morris, president, opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The Rev. William Geiger led us in prayer. Elected members of council present were: Joan Morris, District 7, Judy Rosensteel, District 8, John Roberts, District 4, Fran Gargotta, District 2, John Hose, District 4, Bob Pratt, District 8, The Rev. Lou Hays, District 5, Bob Johnston, District 5, The Rev. William Geiger, District 4, The Rev. Norman Koehler, District 3, The Rev. Chuck Weiss, District 5, The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre, District 7. Also in attendance were: Russ Ayers, Board of Trustees, Linda Getts, ECW president, Andy Roman, Chancellor, Joan Gundersen, Treasurer, The Rev. Cathy Brall, Trinity Cathedral. Absent were: Melissa McClain, The Rev. Steven Smalley, Ardelle Hopson, The Rev. Dr. Jay Geisler, The Rev. Dr. James Simons, president of the Standing Committee, and the Rt. Rev. Robert Johnson, assisting Bishop.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected, a typo on page one and a change on page two to eliminate the phrase "and reduce the Commission on Ministry from \$5,000.00 to \$4,000.00." John Hose made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Lou Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no one present from the Standing Committee so no report was given.

Russ Ayers reported for the Board of Trustees stating that the firm of McCroy and McDowell LLC will audit the books of the diocese at the end of this year. Regular conference calls are occurring among the four dioceses experiencing realignments to share ideas and knowledge. Lawyers from the national church are participating. There are some vacancies on the Board which must be filled. Some of them will be filled by district elections at annual convention. District 3 has no representative, and Districts 4 and 7 have representatives whose terms end in 2009.

Andy Roman reported that no decision has yet been made by Judge James regarding the assets of the diocese now being held by the other diocese.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is included with these minutes and the report was accepted as presented. The 2009 budget has an allocation for .7% Lambeth resolution. This amount is \$2,955.00. A decision has to be made before the end of the year as to where to spend this money. The Social Justice and Outreach Committee will bring recommendations to the next council meeting.

Joan Morris announced the results of two email votes. Joan Gundersen's recommendation that the 2009 recommendations for the clergy compensation guide be maintained for 2010 was approved with 14 Yes votes and 0 No votes. A Resolution for a Provisional Bishop prepared by Chancellor Andy Roman for the annual convention was approved as to form with 14 Yes votes and 0 No votes.

Committee Reports: Convention Committee – The Rev. James Shoucair was not present, but there is to be a special rule of order at convention regarding clergy not canonically resident. Bill Geiger reported for the Nomination Committee stating that the committee has worked very hard to have most positions with more than one person running. Budget and Assessment Committee, John Hose, reported that St. Barnabas has requested a bridge grant for health care in the amount of \$712.00. This was approved. The Cathedral has requested \$5,000.00 as a mission grant to support Fr. Johnson, the arts chaplain at the cathedral. This was approved.

2008 Audits – Bob Pratt reported that the committee has received 95% of the audits due. A parish with no audit report cannot vote at convention.

A discussion was held about changing the By-Laws of Diocesan Council (IX Section 3) so that a quorum shall consist of one-half of the members of the Diocesan Council representing at least **four** districts. At present, all six districts must be represented to have a quorum. [XI states that the By-Laws can be changed by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of total Council membership voting in a regular meeting.] There were 14 voting members present representing six districts, with 6 voting members absent. Moni McIntyre moved the change in the quorum requirement, and Chips Koehler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be on November 16, 2009 at 7PM at Calvary.

Cathy Brall stated that the cathedral will be open during the G-20 event and that people were needed to be in the building to prevent any damage by protesters.

Lou Hays ended the meeting with prayer at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Rosensteel