

EDEO Diocesan Council  
Draft Minutes  
February 7, 2023  
Online

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2023

Karly Nash (SC)

Beth Spell

Barbara Reynolds

The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (SC)

Class of 2024

Betty Palmer

The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier

Terry Rahmsdorff (SC)

Class of 2025

The Rev. Jonathan Galles

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Cory Bradshaw

Ellen Nesbitt (SC)

David Kosar

Ex-Officio

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Treasurer

The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Sec. of Conv.

Seat and Voice

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive

Director

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Absent

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake (SC)

Angela Pursel

**Call to Order**

Bishop Pat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and Beth Spell shared an opening prayer.

**Election of Co-Chair**

**M/S/C**        *Motion to elect Beth Spell as Co-Chair of Diocesan Council.  
(Barbara Reynolds Mayo, Terry Rahmsdorff)*

**Minutes from November 3, 2022**

**M/S/C**        *Motion to accept the minutes from November 3, 2022 as presented.  
(Charlotte Wells, Ray Jeff Spreier)*

## Standing Committee Report – Kelly Mahon

The Rev. Kelly Mahon reported on the status of the various property issues that Standing Committee is currently dealing with.

- Klamath Falls – Kelly will travel to Klamath Falls the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> to meet with an insurance adjuster to determine the damage done by a burst pipe at St. Paul's. He will also meet with a local pastor who has expressed interest in purchasing the property.
- The Dalles – An easement was granted between 605 Union Street and 601 Union Street to ensure continued access to the 601 property in the future.

## Finance Report – Patty Olson-Lindsey

Patty reported that the final adjustments are being made to the 2022 year-end numbers and a full report will be provided at the April meeting. Inflation, market losses, and Covid recovery have resulted in deficits for both the diocese and Ascension School but a surplus account that was created to help offset these expected shortfalls should have sufficient funds to cover those deficits.

Patty and Lisa will also be meeting with the CPA to discuss more appropriate investment strategies for some of the investments that will be needed on a more short-term basis.

## Bishop Report

Bishop Pat gave updates on several items:

- Bishop Visitations
  - Bishop Pat will visit almost every parish in the diocese by June of this year to bring his vision and focus for his remaining years as bishop to as many as possible. That includes discussions on the following:
    - Furthering the work of Beloved Community, especially focused on racial reconciliation with our indigenous siblings.
    - Restarting the Faithful Innovation Commission
    - Defining what the next steps for EDEO are.
- Faithful Innovation Commission.
  - Bishop Pat asked that council consider approving the formation of the Faithful Innovation Commission to lead the diocese in new and innovative ways of evangelism. The commission's formation was disrupted by the pandemic and would now like to commence its work.

M/S/C

*Motion to approve the formation of the Faithful Innovation Commission to serve the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. (Barbara Reynold Mayo, Jonathan Galles)*

- Future Planning.
  - Bishop Todd Ousley is following up with Bishop Curry on the request to extend Bishop Pat’s tenure another two years.
  - Bishop Ousley will also attend the upcoming Collegium and the April meeting of Diocesan Council to help start the process of determining the next steps for EDEO.
- 601 Union Street
  - In addition to Kelly’s report regarding the property Bishop Pat also reported that a title report on the property revealed that EDEO is listed as the owner of the property. Discussions with St. Paul’s and Standing Committee are ongoing regarding the ownership of the property. The EDEO archives are currently housed in the building and will be moved to a storage facility in La Grande this spring while a permanent location is developed at Ascension School. This will leave the diocese with no remaining interest in the property.
- Covid Vaccine Requirements

**M/S/C**      *Motion to rescind the diocesan policy on Covid 19 vaccine requirements that were established in response the pandemic status of the virus. (Karly Nash, Barbara Reynold Mayo)*

- Transition Minister  
 With several congregations entering into the search process for their next rector Bishop Pat has appointed The Rev. Marilyn Roth as the Transition Minister for EDEO. She will train with the former Transition Minister from the Diocese of Oregon as well as receive training at two conferences each year.

**M/S/C**      *Motion to approve \$10,000 to support the work of the EDEO Transition Minister and to charge Finance Committee with providing recommendations for the best source of that funding at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council. (David Kosar, Ann Marie Hardin)*

### Update to EDEO Logo and Letterhead

Lisa shared two options for a new EDEO logo and asked Diocesan Council to provide their feedback and preferences. The new log will be launched this spring in addition to new email addresses for diocesan employees.

### Diocesan Council/General Convention Vacancies

Bishop Pat reported that there is still a clergy vacancy on Diocesan Council and there is a possibility of a lay deputy vacancy for General Convention. He encouraged council to think about clergy or lay leaders in their local congregations who might want to serve in one of these ways.

## Bisbee Grant Committee Report and Vote

M/S/C

*Motion to approve the following awards for the 2023 Bisbee Grant:*

- \$1500 to Sunriver Christian Fellowship for the formation of ministry to assist caregivers for those dealing with dementia.
- \$1200 to Ascension School Camp and Conference Center to support the upcoming Racial Justice Retreat
- \$1294 to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church to support a Creation Care Day Camp.
- \$500.00 to Trinity Episcopal Church for a new teen outreach program through Family Kitchen.

*(David Kosar, Karly Nash)*

## Ascension School Report

Amy gave a brief report on projects happening at Ascension School.

- New floors have been installed in the dorms.
- Additional grant awards have also provided for the future installation of new floors in the Kimsey Commons dining room.
- Discussions are occurring between the Cove Sportsman's Club, the Cove Community Association, and the Ascension School Advisory Board about the possibility of a partnership to build a pool and community center on the property that is currently occupied by the Sportsman's club.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28-29 at Sunriver Christian Fellowship. Lisa will send out more information as the date gets closer.

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned 7:25pm.