



Episcopal Diocese of
Eastern Oregon

Diocesan Council
Minutes
June 21, 2023
Zoom

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2023

Barbara Reynolds

Karly Nash

Class of 2024

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake (SC)

Terry Rahmsdorff (SC)

The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier

Cory Bradshaw

Angela Pursel

Class of 2025

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

David Kosar

Betty Palmer

The Rev. Jonathan Galles

Ellen Nesbitt (SC)

Seat and Voice

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Absent:

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Treasurer

The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (SC)

Beth Spell

The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Secretary of Convention

Call to Order

Bishop Pat called the meeting order at 6:02pm.

St. Alban's, Redmond

+Pat informed council that St. Alban's in Redmond will likely make the decision to close. Deacon Keehna Sture, who is assigned to the congregation will be moving and the remaining members have dwindled to 4 or 5 people. He will be traveling to meet with them on July 9th and will report back to the Council regarding the meeting. One item that will need to be discussed is the dispensation of the significant funds that are being held in the investment account from the sale of the Redmond property. This will be on the agenda for the July meeting in Baker City.

EDEO Archive/Ascension School Shop Building

The foundation was unable to approve the \$150,000 grant request made by EDEO and Ascension School to build the new archive and shop building due to an overlooked by-law that does not allow them to make grants for that purpose. They are meeting next month to review their by-laws and processes. They did offer a loan but that would not be a good solution as holding debt will inhibit Amy's ability to apply for grants in the future and will also create an issue with the upcoming Capital Campaign.

Bishop Pat asked council to consider using the proceeds of the sale of the old diocesan house at 605 Union Street as well as additional funds from the Strategic Development fund to allow the building to go forward. St. Paul's in The Dalles recently sold the 605 Union Street property for \$328,000 and the agreement with the diocese is that ½ of those funds will go to EDEO, minus any expenses that St. Paul's incurred when preparing the house to rent/sell. Those funds in addition to some from the Strategic Development fund would pay for the building and allow the work to be completed before winter.

There was discussion about creating a long-range plan on how to use funds that come from the sale of properties in the diocese and if those should be used to start new ministries in those areas, or if they can be used for other purposes. The diocese will be in possession of more of these types of funds if the property in Klamath Falls is sold. This will be a topic of conversation at the July meeting.

M/S/C *Motion to allocate proceeds from the sale of 605 Union Street and funds from the Strategic Development fund to allow Amy to proceed with the construction of the archive/shop building on the Ascension School campus. (David Kosar, Cory Bradshaw)*

Motion passed with 9 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.