

EDEO Diocesan Council
Minutes
November 3, 2022
Online

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2023

Karly Nash (SC)

Beth Spell

Class of 2024

Betty Palmer

The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier

Angela Pursel

Class of 2025

The Rev. Jonathan Galles

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)

Cory Bradshaw

Seat and Voice

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive

Director

Absent

Barbara Reynolds

David Kosar

Terry Rahmsdorff (SC)

The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (SC)

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake (SC)

Ellen Nesbitt (SC)

The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Sec. of Conv.

Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Ex-Officio

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Treasurer

Minutes from August 2022

M/S/C *Motion to accept the minutes from August 12-13, 2022 as presented.
(Ray Jeff Spreier, Kelly Mahon)*

Resolution on Housing Allowance Vote

WHEREAS, section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister to exclude from gross income a church-designated allowance paid to him or her as part of his or her compensation for services as a minister, to the extent used by him/her for actual expenses in owning or renting a home; and

WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon which does not provide a residence for him, Diocesan Council resolves that of the total compensation received during 2023, \$2000.00 per month shall be designated a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.

The Diocesan Council also resolves that the amount designated as housing allowance shall apply to 2023 calendar year and all future years unless amended by the Diocesan Council. (Cory Bradshaw, Ray Jeff Spreier)

Diocesan Convention Review

Bishop Pat invited people to share their thoughts and experiences around the 2022 Diocesan Convention.

Diocesan Council vacancies

Beth noted that there is 1 clergy vacancy in the Diocesan Council Class of 2023. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, they can contact Lisa.

Standing Committee Report – Kelly Mahon

Kelly shared that Standing Committee has been working with COM on clarifying the roles and procedures around the ordination process. St. Paul's in The Dalles has asked Standing Committee to approve the listing of the property at 605 Union Street in The Dalles and Standing Committee has approved that process.

The Diocese received a property tax bill from Klamath County for the St. Paul's church property, which is believed to be in error. The Diocese will be connecting with a property attorney to help sort the issue out.

Formation of Bisbee Grant Committee

Barbara Reynolds will continue as a member of the committee and Angela and Betty also volunteered to serve with her. Lisa will send the grant applications to all committee members.

SDG Grant Revision Request from Caretakers of the Land

M/S/C *Motion to approve the request from Caretakers of the Land to spend the grant funds as they best see fit. (Kelly Mahon, Karly Nash)*

Treasurer Report – Patty

Patty reported that she and Lisa are working on year end numbers and, due to inflation, there are some line items that will be over the budgeted numbers. She also reported that the investments are down, as was to be expected based on market conditions. Patty, Amy, and Lisa will be meeting with ECF in the next couple of weeks to discuss the investment policy and the possibility of short-term investments for our more liquid funds.

Amy also reported that the Ascension School budget will also come in with a deficit due to a significant cancelation of an Outdoor School that would have been a \$25,000 income source.

Bishop Comments/New Business

Formation of Truth and Conciliation Commission

M/S/C *Motion to form the Truth and Conciliation Commission, referenced in the Resolution on Disputing the Doctrine of Discovery, that was passed at Diocesan Convention. (Ray Jeff Spreier, Angela Pursel)*

Discussion around funding for the commission will be on the agenda for the spring. Bishop Pat will also be visiting with Sarah Augustine to review her thoughts and opinions about convention.

Endowment Campaign for Ascension

Bishop Pat will be officially bringing the plan for the 2024 Endowment Campaign for Ascension School and EDEO to Diocesan Council at the spring meeting and will be asking for council's approval for that endeavor.

Extension Update

Bishop Pat has not heard anything regarding his extension and is hoping to hear soon.

Co-Chair and Vice Chair Election at Winter meeting

Elections will happen at the Winter or Spring meeting.

Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates

Winter Online or In Person

Spring Retreat in Sunriver

Summer

Fall

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned 6:46pm.