

Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Diocesan Council Minutes September 26, 2023 Zoom

<u>Present:</u> The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop

Class of 2023

Barbara Reynolds Karly Nash (SC) The Rev. Ann Marie Hardin (SC))

<u>Class of 2024</u> The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake (SC) The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier Angela Pursel

<u>Class of 2025</u> The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC) David Kosar Cory Bradshaw <u>Ex Officio</u> The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Secretary of Convention

<u>Seat and Voice</u> Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive Director Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

<u>Absent:</u> Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council Patty Olson Lindsey, Treasurer Beth Spell Betty Palmer Ellen Nesbitt (SC)

# Friday, November 17, 2023

## Call to Order

Bishop Pat called the meeting to order and began by giving an overview of the news regarding the President of the House of Deputies and the misconduct of a retired bishop. Over 50% of the bishops have demanded that the soft response in the Title IV conclusion requires further action. Bishop Pat signed on to a letter for this action. He also recognizes that there are other issues.

He also let us know the House of Bishops meeting in the Dominican Republic has been cancelled and asked for continued prayers for Bishop Curry.

#### Klamath Falls

Bishop Pat thanked Kelly for all of his work with the Klamath Falls property. Kelly asked for approval for the following:

- M/S/C Motion to approve \$4,000 from the Klamath Falls property fund for the property inspection. (Cory Bradshaw, Karly Nash)
- M/S/C Motion to approve up to \$10,000 from the Klamath Falls property fund to repair the plumbing in the St. Paul's building at Klamath Falls. (David Kosar, Barbara Reynolds Mayo)

### St. Alban's, Redmond

The members presented voted in favor of sending the following resolution regarding the closing of St. Alban's, Redmond to Convention for its approval:

#### Resolution on the Closure of St. Alban's in Redmond

RESOLVED that this convention affirms the decision of the people of St. Alban's, Redmond, to close the parish, and that the ownership of all personal property held by the former congregation, together with all cash or endowment funds, registers, records and other materials, shall be conveyed to, and become the property of, the Diocese.

Submitted by: Diocesan Council & Standing Committee, on behalf of the people of St. Alban's, Redmond

Explanation:

The faithful remnant of people from St. Alban's, Redmond, have been in conversation with the Bishop over the past several months and have made the difficult decision to close the Church.

Whereas the people of St. Alban's, Redmond, can no longer sustain a congregation, and there is no priest to serve them regularly; and

Whereas the Standing Committee approved this request at their meeting on August 31, 2023, and the entire Diocesan Council voted to approve at their meeting on September 7, 2023 and move the matter to the floor of this Convention for affirmation,

This resolution acknowledges these realities and affirms the good-faith decision of the people of St. Alban's, Redmond, to close their parish.

### Adjourned

Bishop Pat adjourned the meeting.