



Episcopal Diocese of
Eastern Oregon

Diocesan Council
Draft Minutes
October 9, 2024
Zoom

Class of 2024

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake (SC)
The Rev. Ray Jeff Spreier
Betty Palmer
Angela Pursel
Joel Bigelow (SC)

Class of 2025

The Rev. Kelly Mahon (SC)
Cory Bradshaw
Ellen Nesbitt (SC)

Class of 2026

The Rev. Liz Cahill (SC)
Barbara Reynolds (SC)
Beth Spell
The Rev. Roy Green

Ex Officio

Patty Olson-Lindsey, Treasurer

Seat and Voice

Amy Jayne, Ascension Executive
Director
Lisa Boquist, Secretary to Council

Absent:

Holly Hendricks
The Rev. Pam Miller
The Rt. Rev. Patrick Bell, Bishop
The Rev. Charlotte Wells, Secretary of
Convention

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Call to Order

Beth Spell called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and opened the meeting with prayer.

Standing Committee Report

Klamath Falls

The Rev. Kelly Mahon reported that there the building in Klamath Falls had been broken into and it appeared that transients had been staying in the building. The housekeeper had shared photos of damage and paraphernalia that had been left behind and also shared that she did not feel safe entering the building. The realtor had recommended a security firm, Blade Security, that would help to deal with the issues. The cost for one month of security would be \$3,720.00. The hope is that one month will suffice to deal with the issues.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the contract with Blade Security for one month of services at St. Paul's, Klamath Falls with the funds from the closing of the parish to be used to cover the costs. (Roy Green, Angela Pursel)*

Financial Report and Budget Discussions

2023 Budget Balancing

Patty Olson Lindsey reported that with the completion of the audit and the beginning balance entry into the new accounting system there were some adjustments to both the EDEO and Ascension operating budget deficits. This meant that the amounts needed to balance the year end numbers were less than anticipated. Patty proposed the funds to balance those lines come from the Development and Emergency Fund.

M/S/C *Motion to the transfer of \$12,000 from the Development and Emergency Fund to balance the 2023 EDEO operating fund deficit. (Angela Pursel, Betty Palmer)*

M/S/C *Motion to approve the transfer of \$29786.46 from the Development and Emergency Fund to balance the 2023 Ascension operating fund deficit. (Angela Pursel, Roy Green)*

2025 EDEO Budget Presentation

Patty presented the proposed 2025 EDEO operating budget. She noted some slight Adjustments from last year include:

- Estimated assessment income as raised to reflect actuals from 2023.
- Diocesan Council costs were lowered, with the plan that more meetings would be held online to account for the rising costs of meeting in person.
- The staff pension line is increased because Amy's ordination means that the contribution to her pension was raised from 9% to 18%.
- The audit and CPA lines items were lowered. The decision was made to have an audit done every 3 years rather than every year.
- The Transition officer line item is lower because we are not anticipating any transitions in the coming year.

2025 Ascension School Budget Presentation

The Rev. Amy Jayne presented the draft 2025 Ascension School operating budget.

She noted that she has attempted to tighten up the budget by reducing staff and will continue to evaluate that in the future. She also noted that conference center is operating at almost full capacity, which limits the income available from that venue. The need for the endowment to grow is reflected in the deficit that is being projected, but the good news is that there has been positive response to that in the capital campaign and it is already growing.

M/S/C *Motion to approve the 2025 EDEO and Ascension School operating budgets for recommendation to Diocesan Convention (Roy Green, Barbara Reynolds-Mayo)*

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.