

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF KANSAS, INC.**

October 21, 2023

The Council of Trustees of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, Inc., met in-person and via Zoom on October 21, 2023. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Rt. Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom, Bishop and Chair, offered a welcome to all the new members of council. After a brief prayer, the bishop then called the meeting to order at 1:47pm.

Members of the Council of Trustees present were:

Bishop Cathleen Chittenden Bascom
Dr. Elizabeth Fitz Gibbon, President
The Rev. Helen Hoch, Clerk
The Ven. Jim Cummins
The Very Rev. Laurie Lewis
Mr. Ron Olson
The Rev. Doreen Rice Daab
The Very Rev. Casey Rohleder
Ms. Teresa Ryther
Mr. John Smittle
The Rev. Daryl Stanford
Ms. Diana Waddell-Gilbert

Members of the Council of Trustees present via Zoom:

Ms. Melanie Laster
Mr. Mike Morrow

Members of the Council of Trustees absent:

The Rev. Margaret McGhee

Also present as advisors to the Council of Trustees:

Mr. Hurst Coffman, Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Brian Geary, Treasurer
Mr. Frank Taylor, Chancellor

Also present:

Mr. Jay Currie, Comptroller
Ms. Michael Funston, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
The Rev. Canon Patrick Funston, Canon to the Ordinary

Bishop Bascom presented the September 13, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Archdeacon Jim Cummins, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Bishop Bascom called for the election of officers of the Council of Trustees to serve until the 165th Diocesan Convention. Officers were elected/appointed as follows:

- President – Dean Casey Rohleder nominated Dr. Fitz Gibbon for President of the Council of Trustees. Dr. Fitz Gibbon accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Bishop Bascom ruled that Dr. Fitz Gibbon was elected by acclamation.
- Secretary/Clerk – Dr. Fitz Gibbon nominated Mthr. Hoch as secretary/clerk of the Council of Trustees. There were no other nominations and Bishop Bascom ruled that Mthr. Hoch was elected by acclamation.
- Assistant Clerk – Mthr. Rice Daab nominated Ms. Ryther as Assistant Clerk of the Council of Trustees. There were no other nominations and Bishop Bascom ruled that Ms. Ryther was elected by acclamation.
- Assistant Treasurer – Archdeacon Jim Cummins nominated Mr. Currie as Assistant Treasurer of the Council of Trustees. There were no other nominations and Bishop Bascom ruled that Mr. Currie was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Currie reported that it looks like all of the parishes will fulfill their apportionment commitments by the end of the year. He then turned to the accrual report and said that the apportionment schedule also reflects this. The parts of this report that are not budgeted are the investments. This report gives us an overall picture of the diocese. The operating side of things shows that the diocese is on budget. Funds set aside for St. Paul's, Kansas City, will not be used in this calendar year but will be used in 2024 when Father Mafla arrives at the beginning of the year. The third and last report Mr. Currie presented was the balance sheet. He said of note is the cash flow and where the investment portfolio is at this time. It also lists the various balances of the funds. Mr. Currie asked for questions. The bishop reminded the council and new members that this report is given quarterly. This report is a little more complex than the usual reports. The financial reports were received and will be submitted for audit.

Standing Committee Business

President Fitz Gibbon, presented a request for consent to an episcopal election:

- Dean Rohleder moved that the Council of Trustees, acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of the Rev. Jeremiah

Williamson as Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Albany. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Mthr. Rice Daab moved that the Council of Trustees, acting as the Standing Committee of the Diocese, consent to the election of the Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White as Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

For reference, members of the council were reminded that a majority of the dioceses in The Episcopal Church must consent to the election of any new bishop for any diocese.

The bishop relayed that Bishop Scarfe commented to her how impressed he was by the work of the Council of Trustees on the Strategic Plan. The Council then shared how group breakout sessions went. There was a positive experience all around. Most exciting were the people who offered their names and contact information to help with the work.

After reviewing the schedule for future meetings, the bishop called on Archdeacon Cummins for a dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The Rev. Helen Hoch
Clerk

Addendum to the October 21, 2023 Council of Trustees Minutes

On October 2, 2023, the Council of Trustees was informed of a mistake by the Alleluia Grant Committee in not referring one Alleluia Grant recommendation to the Council at their September 13, 2023, meeting when the other grants were approved. The Executive Committee heard the Grant Review Committee's unanimous recommendation and sent an e-vote to the Council of Trustees so the Alleluia Grant could be included at diocesan convention. The additional grant required the approval of the Council by an e-mail vote before convention. Pursuant to the bylaws, the Council was given 48 hours to respond by email or other means.

The vote to approve the additional grant passed unanimously, among those who voted. The results were:

12 approved

0 not approved

The grant was added to the list of 2023 Alleluia Grant recipients.