

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Special Executive Council Meeting via Conference Call
June 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: The Rt. Rev'd Steven A. Miller; The Rev'd Steve Capitelli; The Rev'd Dr. Miranda Hassett; The Rev'd Gary Lambert, Diocesan Executive Secretary; Ms. Taryn Lantz; The Rev'd Gary Manning; Dr. Gust Olson; Mr. Henry Peters; Ms. Giannina "Nina" Radcliffe and The Rev'd Joan Smoke

Others present: Ms. Peggy Bean, Bishop's Assistant for Congregational Development and The Rev'd David Pfaff, Canon to the Ordinary

Absent: The Rev'd Andrew "Drew" Bunting; The Very Rev'd Kevin Carroll, President, Standing Committee; The Rev'd Dr. Paula Harris; Mr. Patrick Johnson; Mr. Steve Martinie, Diocesan Treasurer; The Rev'd Carla McCook, Bishop's Assistant for Christian Formation; Mr. Rob Mortensen and The Rev'd Scott Seefeldt, President, Commission on Ministry

Prior to the meeting, roll call was taken.

- **Call to order/Opening Prayer – Bishop Miller**

Bishop Miller called the meeting to order with prayer at 6:05 p.m.

Once some technological connection issues were cleared up, the minutes of the May 21, 2013 Executive Council meeting were presented, and approved as presented.

- **Action Items**

Request from St. Mary's, Dousman, concerning the interest rate on its diocesan loan

Bishop Miller turned the meeting over to The Rev'd David Pfaff.

The Rev'd David Pfaff explained that:

--St. Mary's, Dousman took out a diocesan loan in 2009 when the economy and the interest rates were different.

--Their current interest (4%) was once attractive but is now well above the market interest rate.

-- St. Mary's, Dousman, is requesting an amendment to the terms of its loan from the diocesan Foundation, adjusting the interest rate down.

During the initial discussion it was pointed out that the only thing that changes in the loan is the interest rate. St. Mary's, Dousman will pay back the principal; the diocese loses nothing.

It was further observed that the request seemed reasonable.

The Rev'd Gary Manning moved that St. Mary's, (Dousman) request to lock in a 2% rate for the life of the loan be granted. Mr. Steve Capitelli seconded it.

Bishop Miller asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing nothing, Bishop Miller called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of the size of the Title IV Disciplinary Board

The Rev'd David Pfaff explained that:

- The original plan regarding the Title IV Disciplinary Board was that it involve members from all three diocese in Wisconsin (Fond du Lac, Eau Claire and Milwaukee).
- Currently, each diocese has its own Title IV Disciplinary Board.
- Currently, the make-up of our Title IV Disciplinary Board, (specified by the Canons) is that the group must have *at least* seven members, a majority of whom are clergy.
- While an odd number of members is certainly essential, the number seven is rather difficult to work with in terms of electing members for staggered terms.

The Rev'd David Pfaff asked that:

- A member of the Council makes a motion to establish the number of Board members at nine, with three being elected each year.

Ms. Nina Radcliffe so moved and Ms. Taryn Lantz seconded it. Bishop Miller asked if there was any discussion.

It was clarified that:

- the Board meets as needed;
- serving dually on other committees/council is acceptable;
- the current break down clerical to lay is 4/3; with the change it would become 5/4.

Hearing no other questions, Bishop Miller called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjustments to Meachem Grants

Mr. Henry Peters explained that:

- Because the Trustees met later, there was extra time to review the Meachem Grant requests.
- Extra paper work was supplied by the parishes requesting a grant.
- With the inclusion of the proper paperwork, the following three changes were made:
 1. St. Boniface received \$2,000.00.
 2. Good Shepherd received \$4,200.00
 3. Christ Church received an additional \$838.00

Mr. Steve Capitelli moved that the adjustments to the Meachem Grants be approved and given to the Trustees at their July 15th meeting. The Rev'd Gary Lambert seconded it.

Bishop Miller asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing nothing, Bishop Miller called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Information Items**

Two items for future consideration were noted:

Bishop Miller said that the 2014 budget will be ready for Executive Council review at the July meeting with a significant change regarding funding to congregations. A short discussion followed expressing a concern that a year's notice to the diocese, regarding the change, may not be enough.

The Rev'd David Pfaff called attention to The Rev'd Carla McCook's Christian Formation Report relative to the future of Camp Webb. He said that this discussion will occur at the July meeting.

Clarification about next tasks for working groups in preparation for July 25 meeting

-- Steering Committee to develop and schedule orientation/incorporation plan for Executive Council

--Congregational Vitality to meet with COMD to learn about ways the Executive Council can more deeply engage and support that work

--Resources Stewardship to develop a proposed operating budget for 2014

Upcoming meeting – Day, Time and Location

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25th, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Bartholomew, Pewaukee, N27 W24000 Paul Court, Pewaukee WI 53072 (It has a/c plus wi-fi.)

The Rev'd Gary Lambert moved to adjourn the meeting. The Rev'd Steve Capitelli seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Margaret Kiss
Recorder of the Minutes