

Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
Minutes of the Executive Council

Minutes for the meeting held on November 11, 2008

The Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bishop Stanton.

Bishop Stanton welcomed new members and everyone introduced themselves.

Bishop Stanton gave overview of Archbishop Carey's visit with Clergy at All Saints Camp and the Youth at Canterbury SMU. SMU received Certificate of Occupancy on Saturday.

Members attending are signified by the symbol "♦":

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| ♦ The Rev. William Cavanaugh | ♦ Greg Fox |
| ♦ The Rev. William Lovell | ♦ Tom Graves |
| ♦ The Very Rev. Kevin Martin | ♦ Rick Hayslett |
| The Rev. Michael W. Michie | ♦ John Hind |
| ♦ The Rev. Matthew Olver | ♦ Cliff Isaacs |
| ♦ The Rev. Donald Perschall | ♦ Lydia Landrum |
| ♦ The Rev. David Petrash | ♦ Douglas Lang |
| ♦ The Rev. Craig Reed | ♦ Lawrence R. Maxwell, Jr. |
| The Rev. Robin Smith | ♦ Bill McGannon |
| ♦ Pike Burkhardt, Sr. | ♦ Rob Milbank |
| ♦ Richard R. D'Antoni | ♦ Jay Patterson |
| ♦ Nancy Anderson | ♦ William A. Retz |
| ♦ Gene Autry | ♦ Mary Sonom |
| Judie Firmin | ♦ Pat Ward |

Diocesan Staff attending are signified by the symbol "♦":

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| ♦ Carrie Boren | ♦ The Rt. Rev. Paul Lambert |
| ♦ Jeanie Brookes | ♦ Archdeacon Diana Luck |
| ♦ Deacon Pam Dunbar | ♦ Pollyann Matson |
| ♦ David Gibbs | ♦ The Rev. Cn. Dr. Neal Michell |
| Ellen Gunn | Mary Alice Ridenour |
| ♦ The Rev. Cn. Victoria Heard | ♦ Virginia Wilder |
| | ♦ Ticoy Young |

AGENDA

1. THE MINUTES of the Executive Council meeting on October 14, 2008. Mr. Richard D'Antoni moved to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Admiral William Retz. The motion passed unanimously.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. John Hind presented the Financial Operating Account Balance Sheet ending October, 2008 and Operating Budget ending October, 2008. Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report presented by Mr. John Hind. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hind continued with Financial Report regarding the 2009 Proposed Budget approved at Convention which excluded funding for "premium" supplement benefit for the retired clergy which created a shortfall of approximately \$120,000. The Finance Committee met this morning and found

additional funding from an endowment for 2009. The Finance Committee made the following motion to be approved by the Executive Council:

Mr. Tom Graves moved that we continue funding benefits provided retired clergy and spouses as currently funded in the 2008 Operating Budget; notify all beneficiaries that their “premium” supplement benefit will be terminated December 31, 2009 and provide a detailed explanation to all retirees at the earliest opportunity regarding this change; and that supplemental funds will be sought for the 2009 budget to fund this item. Discussion followed. It was seconded by Mr. Jay Patterson. The Executive Council passed it unanimously.

Mr. Hind reported that the Finance Committee approved a loan request from Annunciation, Lewisville and needed approval of Executive Committee. Moved by Fr. Cavanaugh and seconded by Fr. Perschall. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

All Saints Camp Fees

Fr. Cavanaugh questioned the high cost of camp fees for the youth. Mr. McGannon, who is on the Camp Board, stated that there are scholarships available. Any child who wants to go to camp will go to camp. Discussion followed.

4. CONVOCATIONAL & OTHER REPORTS:

Northeast Convocation Fr. Petrash reported that they met with Epiphany, Commerce. They invited the University Choir to have Christmas concert in the church. They are finishing up profile and secured a retired priest to celebrate. They are looking at outreach opportunities and hired an organist. Encouraged that progress is being made. They were given demographics in Commerce that is available on Percept. Mr. Isaacs shared material he has given to the Eastern Convocation.

Mr Pike Burkhart reported that we need to develop program for rural churches that are going to be seeking a Titus priest to get them ready to call and receive a Titus priest.

Southern Convocation. Fr. Perschall reported on upcoming event “Body Building”

Central Convocation. Mr. Milbank had no report.

Bishop Stanton stated that he had challenged members of the Executive Council to visit parishes within their convocation to meet with vestries to let them know the Diocese is here and there are many things we can do in order to focus on working together.

Ms. Carrie Boren reported on Churches who completed Harvest and their successes. St. John’s, Dallas had 63 attend, 13 of which are children. Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Anderson gave confirmation of the successes. She was on the prayer team which led to building relationships. Over 20 churches have done Harvest program. St. Nicholas, Flower Mound and Epiphany, Richardson (2nd round) and Trinity, Dallas has had three rounds. Carrie reminded everyone about the Body Building dates.

Ms. Boren announced that our Diocese has been invited to join a Dallas-wide Justice Revival; Jim Wallace is doing an Urban Renewal Revival that is going to be city-wide and Ecumenical. She reminded them of the dates for Reflections on the Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Communion with Bishop Stanton, Bishop Suffragan Lambert and Dr. Christopher Wells.

Fr. Olver reported on Covenant presentation, December 6 (handout distributed). Worship and lunch will be involved followed by communion.

Deacon Pam Dunbar thanked everyone who attended and was involved in bringing Archbishop Carey. Vacation Bible School workshop which is an outreach ministry is scheduled for January 24, 2009. Stewardship Conference is planned for April 4, 2009.

Archdeacon Luck – Ordination of Deacons on December 13 for Nate Bostian and Janice Auch. They have put together Guidelines for Deacons which will be made available soon.

Canon Michell led Stewardship drive at St. Nicholas, Flower Mound. Number of pledges increased by 20% and amount on the Sunday they collected pledge cards increased by 15%. He has also done Stewardship at St. Peter's, The Colony; Apostles, Coppell. He did a workshop with Our Merciful Saviour, Kaufman on Congregational Development.

Mr. Burkhart reported that the Rural Gathering will be February 14 in Sulphur Springs.

David Gibbs completed electric contract with Cirro Energy with 28 churches. Vestries can pass a resolution in January, giving him authority to enter energy agreement; some churches had signed letters giving authorization. Mr. Graves recommended that the Bishop should send letter to Rectors and Sr. Wardens regarding electric rates contracts, commending the Rectors to investigate the process. He reported that we are completing new filing system and has file cabinets to give away.

Dean Kevin reported the kick-off for the Stanton Center lectures received good participation. They have received about \$40,000 in commitments from congregations and individuals for the remodeling of the Garrett Hall, particularly The Stanton Center portion and the Retreat Center.

The Musical Festival will be November 15th at the Cathedral. The Cathedral has Archbishop Carey's two main addresses recorded and is available. The Bishop thanked Dean Kevin for the manner in which he organized Archbishop Carey's events.

Admiral Retz attended National Association of Episcopal Schools Bi-Annual Conference; the next one will be held in San Antonio in 2010.

Jeanie asked for everyone to give her 2-3 months advance notice for upcoming events.

Bishop Lambert attended Daughters of the King Annual Assembly at St. Paul's, Greenville. The Episcopal Community Network continue to meet and will have more information in February. They will be interfacing with soldier ministry (urban ministries). The executive staff will meet to prepare for the absence of the Bishop during his sabbatical.

Bishop will leave January 1 and return the end of April. He plans to take this time to read and write.

Bishop Lambert said they are trying to set up Executive Council retreat which will probably be early in January.

The next Executive Council meeting will be December 9 at the Diocesan Office, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Bishop Lambert.

Respectfully submitted:

Virginia Wilder, Mission Assistant