

Diocesan Council Minutes -- November 21-22, 2008

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Voting members present:

- The Rt. Rev. James E. Waggoner, Jr., President
- Jan McCall
- Robert S. Runkle
- The Rev. Patton Boyle
- The Rev. Elizabeth Hasen
- Pamela Clark Rothwell
- Roger Gence
- The Rev. Margaret Fisher
- The Rev. Anne Barton
- Jim Grady
- Jerry Pierce
- The Rev. Gayle Gaither
- The Rev. Chris Hagenbuch
- Sam Buzby
- Evita Krislock
- The Rev. Robin Biffle
- The Rev. Birch Rambo

Item	Response	Timeline
Election of clergy member to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Waggoner nominated the Rev. Elizabeth Hasen to replace the Rev. Paul Lebens-England who resigned due to new commitments on diocesan staff. The Rev. Hasen ELECTED. 	Effective immediately
New members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Waggoner welcomed the new council members: the Rev. Chris Hagenbuch; Evita Krislock; Sam Buzby; the Rev. Robin Biffle; Jim Grady; the Rev. Gayle Gaither; the Rev. Birch Rambo; Jerry Pierce and Julia Bertaut, Watermark intern. 	
Public Narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members learned and practiced Public Narrative. 	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of May meeting approved without correction. 	
Election of secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peggy Johnson was re-elected secretary. 	

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Appointment of executive committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive committee will be Bob Runkle, the Rev. Margaret Fisher, Pam Rothwell, the Rev. Gayle Gaither, the Rev. Dave Walker and the Rev. Robin Biffle, vice-president of Council. 	
Report from the Rev. Pat Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Bell reported that Recovery Ministries is serving the Diocese. They are inviting input as they move ahead. 	
Administration and Finance Committee Report <i>The Rev. Margaret Fisher</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Clergy Compensation Task Force</u> will continue its work. <u>Medical Insurance</u> will be through Church Insurance with improved coverage at a modest rate increase. Resolution AF03 to approve list of <u>foundation trustees to be invited to serve</u>: Mark Kajita, Walla Walla; John Church, Lewiston; Dave Gellatly, Manson; Dr. Michael Henneberry, Spokane. <u>Continuing trustees</u>: the Rev. Steven Woolley, Walla Walla; Brendan Wiechert, Spokane; Phyllis Lacey, Lewiston; John McDonald, Kennewick; Allen Brecke, Richland; Lisa Stagaman, Spokane; Bishop James Waggoner. <u>Appreciation for those completing terms</u>: Bob Firman, Yakima; Steve Larson, Spokane. PASSED AF01 – Acceptance of personnel policies manual. POSTPONED. Needs review by new members AF02 Housing allowances for mission clergy and diocesan staff for 2009: be designated up to 40 per cent of salary OR fair rental value OR actual documented expenses. PASSED 	<p>Next scheduled meeting</p>
Formation for Ministry Committee Report <i>Bob Runkle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee has assigned responsibilities. Plans one meeting in addition to council meetings 	
Mission Strategy Committee Report <i>The Rev. Gayle Gaither</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three of five members are new. Reviewed tasks. Priority will be mission strategy for aided congregations. 	

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<p>Social Justice and Outreach Committee Report <i>Pam Rothwell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJOM01 – Fund for Poverty in the Diocese of Spokane Resolved that Diocesan Council establishes the “Fund for Poverty in the Diocese of Spokane,” to be held by the Diocesan Foundation. Fund withdrawal and designation of income and/ or principal shall be determined by the Commission on Social Justice and Outreach Ministries or other such committee or commission as designated by Diocesan Council for the purpose of supporting agencies or programs whose goal is alleviating poverty within the bounds of the Diocese or in the event that poverty in the Diocese has been eliminated, to some other use. PASSED • A gift has been promised to begin this fund. Funds will be dispersed to 10 programs across the Diocese. 	
		Early 2009
<p>Camp Cross Chase Shields</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning retreat worked to identify vision and mission for next 3-5 years. Brendan Wiechert is chair of group of 12 people. Will meet with people around Diocese for continued input. • Camp Cross Commission working toward a smooth leadership transition as new director is hired. • Work has already begun on summer 2009 preparations. 	
<p>Youth Ministry <i>Chase Shields</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) scheduled Jan. 16-18 at Cathedral. • Winter Weekend tentatively set for late February at 49 Degrees North 	
<p>Faith and Environment <i>Evita Krislock</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith and Environment Network, a regional agency has information available on responsible stewardship. 	

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Bishop Waggoner's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking a close look at how the diocese is doing business with attention to use of resources. It is a “mark of mission.” • Vern McGee and Susan Cleveley have been approved for <u>ordination</u> to the priesthood. • Thanks will be offered to <u>Lisa Stagaman</u> for many years of leadership and administrative support for the Commission on Ministry. • <u>Convention</u>: Evaluations mostly positive. Frank Wade's presentations available online. Thanks to all who contributed to convention's success. • <u>Task Force on Diocesan Askings</u>: Ted Paterson of Dayton will chair. Other members are the Rev. Chris Hagenbuch, Grangeville; George Durrie, Cheney; Libby Beck, Staff; the Rev. Patton Boyle, Wenatchee; Kay Rafferty, Spokane. • <u>Communications</u>: Inland has been suspended at least temporarily. There will be a February issue and some distribution of Episcopal Life will continue. • Task force to look at a range of issues involving communication. Members: • Sam Buzby, Cheney; the Rev. Elizabeth Hasen, Spokane; Mary Koch, Omak; Maria Ranniger, Spokane; the Rev. Robin Biffle, Moscow. Staff: the Rev. Canon Kristi Philip; Bryan Krislock; Teri Mathis. • Consultants: the Rev. Steve Woolley, Walla Walla; Dawn Picken, Spokane. • <u>Staff Changes</u>: A person with secretarial and data base management skills will be hired. Some 25 applications received. • <u>Thinking regionally</u>: Clergy days will be in 4 regions: Spokane/Coeur d'Alene, Wenatchee, Tri-Cities, Clearwater area. • Hope to make more regional connections beyond clergy days. 	<p>Report to Diocesan Council in fall and then to Convention 2009</p> <p>To work during 2009</p>

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Future meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to meet either two or three times in 2008. May meet electronically in February to conserve resources. There are many alternative communication resources for meetings: Base Camp, conference calls, Adobe Connect software. 	Feb. 27-28; May 15-16, Sept. 25-26
Thanks for Mary Beth Jorgensen’s ministry on the diocesan staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bishop Waggoner thanked Mary Beth Jorgensen for her service on the Diocesan staff – for “illumination in positive ways” through her ministry. A gift will be sent to Holt International, who place orphaned and vulnerable children in loving homes. Mary Beth concludes her service on the staff in December. 	