

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SPOKANE
Diocesan Council
December 8, 2007
Minutes

Voting Members Present:

Anne Barton+
Pia Longinotti
Patton Boyle+
Bob Firman
Margaret Fisher+
Roger Gence
David Marshall+
Jan McCall
Brian Prior+
Bob Runkle
Holladay Sanderson+, Vice President
Stanalee Wright+
+Jim Waggoner, President

Ex Officio Members Present:

Jan Griffin+
Jane Jett
Peggy Johnson, Secretary
Mary Beth Rivetti+
Dave Walker+

Diocesan Staff Present:

Libby Beck, Business Manager
Mary Beth Jorgensen, Communications
Bryan Krislock, Communications
Kristi Philip+, Canon to the Ordinary
Chase Shields, Camp Cross & Youth Ministries

Voting Members Absent:

Bob Alexander
Pat King
Paul Lebens-Englund+
Pam Clark Rothwell

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

The December 8, 2007 business meeting of Diocesan Council was called to order by Bishop Jim Waggoner at 1:10 PM. Minutes were accepted as presented.

Elections

The Executive Committee of Council is a canonical body consisting of the Bishop as President, a Vice President, and a Secretary. Council has approved the addition of the Treasurer and the four Council committee chairs. Upon nomination by Bishop Waggoner, Holladay Sanderson was elected Vice President and Peggy Johnson re-elected Secretary. David Walker is diocesan Treasurer. Council committee chairs are: Administration and Finance, Margaret Fisher; Formation, Holladay Sanderson; Mission Strategy, Bob Alexander; and Social Justice and Outreach chair Pam Clark Rothwell. Bob Runkle moved that the nomination be accepted. Motion carried.

Council Vacancies: Bishop Waggoner nominated Brian Prior to fill the vacant clergy term on Council, which expires in 2008. Anne Barton moved that the nomination be accepted. Motion carried. Bishop Waggoner appointed Jane Jett to the ex-officio Council position representing Women in Ministry. Bob Runkle moved to ratify the

appointment. The motion carried. It was decided that Women in Ministry most logically belonged under the umbrella of the Formation committee.

Council Committee Assignments: The following committee assignments were agreed to:

Committee	Chair	Members *= ex officio members	Staff Liaison
Administration & Finance	Margaret Fisher	Patton Boyle *JP Carver Bob Firman *Mary Beth Rivetti *David Walker	Libby Beck Bryan Krislock
Formation for Ministry	Holladay Sanderson	*Jane Jett Pat King David Marshall Jan McCall Stanalee Wright	Kristi Philip Chase Shields
Mission Strategy	Bob Alexander	Anne Barton *Jan Griffin Paul Lebens-Englund Brian Prior	Bryan Krislock
Social Justice & Outreach	Pam Clark Rothwell	*Chris Empsall Roger Gence *Peggy Johnson Pia Longinotti Bob Runkle	Mary Beth Jorgensen

New Diocesan Foundation Trustees are nominated by the full Board of Trustees and elected jointly by the members of the Directors and of Diocesan Council, who constitute the membership of the Corporation. The names of two new nominees, who have already been elected by the Directors, were presented by Bishop Waggoner: Lisa Stagaman of Spokane and John MacDonald of Richland. Margaret Fisher moved that they be elected by Council. Motion carried.

Bishop's Report

Diocesan Convention: Bishop Waggoner thanked those who had worked so hard to put together a successful Diocesan Convention this last October. He noted that Bonnie Anderson had been very impressed both with the involvement of people in this diocese and with the degree of spirituality evidenced by those who participated in the Diocesan Convention. Bob Runkle asked that Bonnie's comments be shared with the Diocese.

Deployment and transition: Bishop Waggoner stated that deployment and transition is an important topic and one to watch over the next several years. We need to encourage people with gifts to exercise those gifts. Within the next two to three years, five of our

senior clergy will be retiring. Walla Walla's search is going well, with lots of interest. St Mark's, Moscow, is in a discernment process to see if they can support a full time priest. Andrea Bowman in Roslyn is in declining health and in need of a lung transplant. She is currently applying for a temporary disability.

Committee Reports

1. Administration and Finance:

2007 Financials: Libby Beck reviewed income and expenditures year to date.

Income is on target, with 91.2% of budgeted amount received. Expenditures also are pretty much on target, with 90.8% of budgeted amount spent.

Housing allowance: The annual Housing Allowance Resolution for diocesan and mission clergy was presented:

“Be it resolved that diocesan and mission clergy housing allowances for the Diocese of Spokane for 2008 be designated up to 40% of salary OR fair rental value OR actual documented expenses.”

It was noted that the fair market amount includes furnishings and utilities. Bob Runkle moved that the resolution be approved. Motion carried.

Website: The Diocesan website has been taken down due to hacking. Bryan plans to re-launch it within the next week. It will be new and improved and more interactive. In the next few months, an informal blogging circle will be launched as a subsite of the website.

The Diocesan Foundation report was given by Dave Walker, Treasurer. He reported that of the \$1,270,000 pledged in the campaign, \$621,000 or almost half has already been received. We currently have \$194,000 in the Fund for the Episcopate and \$142,000 in the Church Growth and Development Fund.

2. Mission Strategy:

The Committee's report identifying the Vision for the Diocese affirmed by Council at the September meeting was presented at Diocesan Convention. It was agreed that it will work to guide decision making for both program and budget at the Diocesan level.

3. Social Justice and Outreach:

The report documented activities of the various outreach and social justice ministries in the diocese for 2007. It also outlined the MDG Fund distributions from the 2007 budget. (For details, see attached report.)

Bob Runkle also reported that as a result of Commission urging, the committee is looking into the idea of domestic MDGs and whether the diocese might support allocating a budget percentage similar to that of the international MDGs.

4. Formation:

Camp Cross passed all areas of accreditation with the ACA this summer. They will be mailing their annual solicitation the week of December 10, and are currently looking for recommendations for clergy resources for next year. Camp

Cross also experienced an increase in the number of campers, although there continues to be room for growth.

The Commission on Ministry has updated their guidelines on discernment and lay ministry competencies and licensing and they are being distributed to clergy and congregations.

The committee reported on WaterMark, a young adult internship program they are hoping to launch in Fall of 2008. We have received a \$5,000 commitment from both the Diocese and the national church.

Michelle Klippert has resigned as chair of the Christian Education Network and Jan McCall will succeed her.

Women in Ministry: Jane Jett reported that Jane Nelson-Low will again be attending the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women in February. She will be trained as a presenter in the Beijing Circles method of discernment and ministry for possible use with women in the Diocese.

Calendar

The next Diocesan Council meeting was changed to February 29-March 1 in Spokane. Subsequent 2007-08 Council meetings are scheduled for May 16-17 and September 26-27. The annual retreat for the newly elected 2008-09 Council is scheduled for December 5-6.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Peggy Johnson, Secretary