

Episcopal Diocese of Lexington
Minutes of the Executive Council
April 29, 2006

The Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington met at 10:00 a.m. April 29, 2006 at Mission House, Lexington, Kentucky. Members present were: the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Mr. David Davidson, Mr. Bernie Sams, Mr. Bill Davis, Ms. Maggie Hall, the Rev. Canon Bryant Kibler, Mr. Andy Sigmon, Mrs. Tom Baird (Susan), Dr. John Stempel, the Rev. Dr. Ron Summers, Mr. Bill Blackmon, Mr. Gary Gabbard, the Rev. Staley Hackley, Ms. Ann Miller Cox, Dr. Marshall Chapman, Mr. Benjamin Bynum, Mr. Steve Locke, Mrs. Gerry Yeiser (Mary T.), Ms. Tonya Jackson, and the Rev. Dr. John Burkhart.

The Bishop called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

Following introductions of the Executive Council and the welcoming of the Rev. Bob Sessum as a visitor, the Rev. Dr. Ron Summers moved, Dr. John Stempel seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. Passed.

Bishop Sauls made comments on the following:

1. Priorities from the last Convention
 - a. College Work and Hispanic Ministry—now on hold
 - b. Reading Camp in South Africa—waiting to hear from UTO Grant Request.
 - c. Camp for children of Prisoners—needs to appoint two people to co-chair.
 - d. Evaluation of Summer Camps at the Cathedral Domain and the Youth Program.

Consultants from outside the Diocese will evaluate and work with a Committee which will be appointed to report to the Convention 2007.

- e. Northern Kentucky congregation—Bishop will meet with Clergy to see how we might move forward.
- f. EFM—How to take it to the rural areas of Eastern Kentucky.
- g. Executive Council needs to address clergy compensation in several areas: 1) establish Minimum Compensation; 2) Compare with other Dioceses; 3) Compare with secular compensation.

Bishop stated that before that is done he, as Bishop, wants to gather some data from the clergy.

2. Synod Meeting—The Rev. Robert Sessum was re-elected President of Province IV.
3. General Convention Issues.
 - a. Article from New Yorker—copies distributed (attached herewith).
 - b. Homosexuality.
 - c. Windsor Report.
 - d. Title III Canon.
 - e. Election of Presiding Bishop—June 18, 2006.

1. Tentative plans for Diocese should be be/not be elected Presiding Bishop.
4. Recommended that the Vice President of Executive Council to be elected be clergy.

Mr. David Davidson, Chancellor, reported that the issue at the Church of the Nativity is in the process of being resolved and they have called a new rector.

He also reported that Martin Gornik, Anna Gulick, and Alice Linsley are no longer priests of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Bernie Sams, Treasurer, stated that, since he had just become Treasurer, Ms. Maggie Hall would give the treasure's report.

Ms. Hall reported that the main report had been mailed. She then distributed a Statement of Financial Position and the April 30th Assessment Report along with 2 pages of expenditures from Martha's Place. She then explained the reports. Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded that Ms. Hall be given the authority to use the line of credit to fulfill diocesan obligations with a cap of \$50,000. Passed.

Ms. Hall reported that eleven Parochial Reports have not been filed and that she is working on that.

Ms. Hall stated that Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown wrote in March asking for an appeal of their assessment. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded that the appeal be denied. Passed.

Mr. Bernie Sams, Treasurer, announced that the Finance Committee recommended that the Diocesan Loan Committee consider restructuring the St. James, Prestonsburg note receivable in the amount of \$229,626.00 which is in default.

The Rev. Bonnie Q. Jones, Vicar of St. Martha's, gave a report on the ongoing activities and plans at Martha's Place. Arrangements would cover all ongoing costs and those involved would be responsible for the buildings. Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded that we move forward with the plans for the Trent Boulevard property and have a more detailed report from her at the Executive council Meeting in June.

Bishop Sauls reported that he had a real estate contract to sell St. Stephen's Church and Parish House which needed to be sold. Executive Council needed to approve the terms of the Contract. Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded that a contract be approved with a commission of no more than five and one half percent. Past parishioners are to be notified that the property is for sale. And we will try and keep the buyer from razing the church for at least five years. Motion carried.

A resolution to Appropriate Funds toward the completion of the Directors' House at the Cathedral Domain (attached herewith) was presented by Mr. Bill Blackmon. Discussion followed. Mr. Gary Gabbard presented some background information and comments on the project (report attached herewith). Motion passed.

Discussion followed concerning the duties of the members of the Executive Council.

Mr. Andy Sigmon, reporting for the Camps and Conferences Board, distributed a letter and a report to the Council (attached here with) and explained the report.

Mr. Sigmon distributed copies of a Request/Proposal for a drinking water tank liner (attached herewith).

It was moved and seconded that the proposal be approved.

Bishop Sauls stated that copies of the Reports of the Canon to the Ordinary and the Canon for Mission Development had been distributed (attached herewith).

Mrs. Tom Baird (Susan), President of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, reported that six women had attended the Women's Conference at Kanuga and that we would have six women attending the Triennial Meeting in Columbus, Ohio in June. She stated that the Board of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women had met and proposed some financial changes which will be voted on at retreat since a more representative group of Women would be present. It is their intent to move their investment funds from the Bank of the Bluegrass to the Diocese to be managed by the Diocesan Investment Review Committee. Mrs. Baird also reported that the Diocesan Women's Retreat will be held May 19-21, 2006 with Bishop Sauls as the Retreat Leader. His topic will be "The Lord's Prayer."

Following a number of announcements it was moved and seconded that the Meeting be adjourned. Passed.

The Meeting closed with a blessing by Bishop Sauls.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie C. Rogers (Mrs. H. Allen)
Secretary