

Meeting of the Executive Council
Episcopal Diocese of Lexington
April 26, 2008

The Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington, met on April 25, 2008 at Mission house, Lexington, Kentucky. Members present were: The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls, Mr. Buck Hinkle, Mr. Jim Adams, Mrs. H. Allen Rogers (Marie), Ms. Ann Davis McClain, the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, the Venerable Bryant Kibler, Mr. Andy Sigmon, Mrs. Kay Collier McLaughlin, the Rev. Dr. Joyce Beaulieu, Mr. Bungee Bynum, Mr. Gerry Yeiser, Ms. Molly Lovelock, Ms. C.C. Johnson, Mrs. Tonya Jackson, Mrs. George VanMeter (Carla), Mr. Steve Locke, the Rev. Dr. John Burkhart, the Rev. Jan Dunnivant, Mrs. Mary T. Yeiser, Ms. Katherine Harper, Ms. Jane Fitzpatrick, the Rev. Bob Sessum, Mr. Shannon Wilson, Ms. Mary Jane Younce, the Rev. Audrey Miskelley, Mrs. Virginia Robbins Bugg, Mr. David Davidson, and the Rev. Melanie Mudge. Also present were Mr. Steve Gabbard and Mr. Louis Prichard.

The Meeting was called to order by Bishop Sauls who led the Council in Morning Devotions.

The Minutes of the January 26, 2008 Meeting were amended as follows:

1. Page 2—paragraph 10, line 3, delete the last two words-“as amended.”
2. Page 4—second paragraph, last word in paragraph should be deleted (payable) and insert the word “receivable”.

The Rev. Bob Sessum moved, Mr. Shannon Wilson seconded that the Minutes be approved as corrected.

The Bishop introduced Mr. Louis Prichard, Chair of the 2007 Audit Committee, who reviewed the 2006 Audit Report and stated that letters have gone out to engage a new firm to do the 2007 audit. Discussion followed.

Fr. Sessum moved, Mary T. Yeiser seconded that Mr. Steve Gabbard be allowed seat and voice. Passed. Discussion continued.

Katherine Harper moved, Shannon Wilson seconded that the Executive Council approve the audit. Passed.

Bishop Sauls expressed his thanks to Mr. Prichard and stated that he was very grateful for his help.

The letters to the firms concerning the 2007 Audit were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Bishop made comments about the following:

1. Visit to Christ Church, Harlan and other routine visitations.
2. Visitations for the next year because of his sabbatical.
3. Involved with transition issues with St. Michael's, St. Raphael's, St. Mary's, Holy Trinity, Grace and Ascension, Frankfort.
4. Ascension, Frankfort—embezzlement handled well.
5. Workshop for new clergy on liturgy and canons.
6. Title IV Issue—Cynthia Webbstock moved to South Africa. No longer a priest of the Episcopal Church.
7. Two cooperative ministry matters.
 - a. Appalachian Ministry
 - b. Diocese of Kentucky and the Indiana Lutheran Synod Ministries regarding Campus Ministries.
8. Commission on Ministry has put the discernment process on hold for new applicants.
9. Steering Committee has been appointed for starting a new Church in Northern Kentucky.
10. Redevelopment of St. Paul's going very well, possible sale/lease to the County of their parking lot.
11. Ways of including the un-churched.
12. Other issues which involve time are, MDG, Camps and Conferences Board, Administrative issues and sale of St. David's Church.
13. National issues—House of Bishops.
14. Mediation with factions of the Daughters of the King.
15. Clergy Day-May 7, 2008.
16. Lambeth Conference.

Mr. Buck Hinkle, Chancellor, reported on the following:

1. Lease with St. Martha's and the Free Medical Clinic finalized.
2. A use Policy for St. Augustine's has been completed.
3. Met with Committee on Canons to make recommendations for Convention and will reconvene the Committee later.
4. Apologized to the Bishop for being absent from Convention.
5. Worked with the Audit Committee so the Letter of Release could be signed for the Audit.
6. Reported work done by Jim Adams, Assistant Chancellor.
7. Edited letter Ascension, Frankfort sent to its members concerning the missing funds.
8. Will work with Andy Sigmon on a proposed lease for the cell tower at the Domain and possible negotiations with a company interested in an oil and gas lease for the Domain.
9. Will attend National Conference of Chancellors next week.

Ms. Ann Davis McClain, Treasurer, explained the March 31, 2008 Financial Statements noting that we have received \$82,000 since the report was printed. She also

noted that the *Advocate* will combine the April and May issue of the *Advocate*. Discussion followed.

The Rev. Bob Sessum volunteered to talk with St. Andrew's, Fort Thomas concerning lack of paying their Diocesan Assessment on time.

Katherine Harper asked when we would receive the year end financial report for 2007. Bishop Sauls asked that they be distributed as soon as possible and that the item be placed on the June agenda.

The Bishop reported that he had asked the Justice and Peace Commission to make a recommendation on how the MDG Funds, which were returned to the Diocese from Reading Camp, should be spent. He noted that when he received the recommendation he would refer it to the Committee on the Church Catholic.

The Rev. Melanie Mudge moved, Carla VanMeter seconded that we allow the Justice and Peace Commission to spend the MDG money as soon as possible without further approval.

The Bishop referred the motion to the Committee Church Catholic.

Katherine Harper moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Fr. Sessum seconded the motion. Passed.

The Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, Canon to the Ordinary, reported by Title. Report attached herewith.

The Venerable Bryant Kibler, Archdeacon, reported on his activities and responsibilities noting that the Sexual Misconduct Training can now be done "on-line". He distributed a copy of the Members of Executive Council and staff and asked each person to check/correct the information listed. He further noted that the Rev. Joyce Beaulieu would be leaving the Small Church Consortium the middle of May. Discussion followed.

Andy Sigmon, reporting for the Camps and Conference Board, called attention to the materials distributed (attached herewith). He specifically called attention to the proposals included in the packet. He explained the proposals which would bring alternative funding to the Domain. Discussion followed. The Bishop asked that each proposal be discussed separately.

1. Sale of timber—The Camps and Conference Board moved that the Executive Council authorize the Camps and Conference Board to proceed with the investigation of harvesting timber by select cutting. Passed.
2. Concerning oil wells—Motion from C & C Board that authorization be given to the Bishop/Chancellor to negotiate and obtain a proposal from the perspective

lessee with a proposal to be presented to the Executive Council. Discussion followed.

3. They are still proceeding on this option and nothing is needed at this point. It comes to the Council as matter of information.
4. Motion to authorize the Bishop and Chancellor to negotiate with Synergy Partners Group for a 250 foot cell tower. Discussion followed.

Mr. David Davidson moved that the issue be tabled until we can have a picture of what the tower would look like. Katherine Harper seconded. The Chair declared that the motion failed.

Mr. David Davidson moved to appeal the decision of the Chair. The Rev. Melanie Mudge seconded the motion. Motion failed. The original motion was still on the floor.

Fr. Sessum moved, Jane Fitzpatrick seconded to amend the motion by changing the word “negotiate” in the original motion to “investigate”. Amendment passed.

A motion to “call the question” was made and seconded. Passed.

The Main Motion to investigate with Synergy and report back to the Executive Council passed.

5. Motion made to give permission to use Intelius for background checks for the Cathedral Domain in hiring employees or recruiting volunteers. Discussion followed.

The Rev. Melanie Mudge moved, Carla VanMeter seconded to amend the motion to use Intelius for Diocesan Volunteers. Passed.

The Rev. Melanie Mudge moved to amend the motion just passed to include Diocesan and seasonal employees. Shannon Wilson seconded the motion. Passed.

Mr. Jim Adams reviewed the Draft copy of the Resolution on Committees (attached herewith) with the Council. It was noted that on page 3 under appeals, section 2—it should read “Due on or before January 15th.”

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the document as amended. The Rev. Dr. John Burkhart seconded the motion. Passed.

Following a lunch break Mrs. Ann Davis McClain, Treasurer, reported that the Finance Committee had recommended that Jane Fitzpatrick be authorized to complete the sale of property in Pikeville for \$155,000 or better. Mrs. Fitzpatrick was able to sell the property for \$160,000. Mrs. McClain offered the following resolution:

Resolved, the Executive Council authorizes Jane Fitzpatrick to negotiate on behalf of the Diocese of Lexington and enter a contract for the sale of the property formerly used by St. David's Church in Pikeville to the City of Pikeville for an amount not less than \$160,000 and further authorize the Bishop to sign, in consultation with the Chancellor.

Passed.

Discussion followed as to the use of the money received from the sale. The Bishop reported that a resolution had been past a number of years ago that when the property was sold the money would be used for ministry in south eastern Kentucky.

The Rev. Dr. John Burkhart moved that we express our gratitude for the mission of St. David's Church, which has benefited the community of the Diocese of Lexington. The motion was seconded. Passed.

The Resolution on the sale of St. David's property passed.

Mrs. McClain reported that the Finance Committee recommended that the Executive Council accept the proposal concerning the Church of Our Saviour, negotiated by the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, with the proceeds going to the Diocese.

They offered the following resolution:

Resolved, the Executive Council accepts the proposal of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to purchase an easement related to property used by the Church of Our Saviour, Madison County, for purchase price of \$18,600 subject to the condition that the entrance provided to the property meet commercial rather than residential specifications, that the church sign be returned to the Church of Our Saviour at no cost, that a note be placed on the construction plans indicating that the contractor is to stay within the projected disturbed limits so as to minimize disturbance in front of the church during construction, and that the entrance will be paved by the Transportation Cabinet to the right of way line; and

Resolved, that the Bishop be authorized to execute documents necessary to accomplish this transaction, in consultation with the Chancellor. And

Resolved, the proceeds from the sale shall be payable to the Diocese, and the Finance Committee shall make a recommendation to the Executive Council as to its use.

The resolution passed. Mr. Steve Locke abstained.

Mrs. McClain stated that the Diocesan ECW had requested authorization to open an account at Traditional Bank. She presented the following resolution:

Resolved, the ECW be authorized to open an account at Traditional Bank.

Passed.

The Bishop reported that he had no information concerning St. Martha's Counseling Center Lease and referred it the Chancellor.

Bishop Sauls stated that the Coordination of Diocesan Fund Raising was left over from the January Meeting and that he plans to appoint a Task Force to examine that issue and to report back at the June meeting.

The Venerable Bryant Kibler reported that the Small Church Ministry Consortium would like to purchase a car for \$25,000 to "raffle off" and noted that a "gaming license" would have to be purchased, which he hoped would be one that the whole Diocese could use. It would be a fund raising effort for the Small Church Ministry Consortium.

He moved that permission be granted to purchase the car and a gaming license. The Rev. Melanie Mudge seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion failed.

The Bishop noted the item "Domain Task Force Recommendation" under new business. This item was the motion made by Bob Rogers at Convention that the "Executive Council expeditiously and definitely address the recommendations of the Domain Task Force and report back to the 113th Convention the results of their actions and the ongoing activities at that time related to their actions." He stated that it was being worked on and that we should be prepared to report back to Convention as to the action/actions taken on that issue. (Report attached herewith)

The Bishop made the following appointments all of which were approved by the Executive Council.

Agenda

*Katherine Harper (St. John's, Versailles)
*Audrey Miskelley (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington)
#* Stacy Sauls, Bishop

Appeals

#Jim Knoblett (St. Hubert's, Clark County)
Ron Summers (St. Andrew's, Ft. Thomas)
Bill Blackmon (St. Mary's, Middlesboro)

Bob Broughton (Resurrection, Jessamine County)

*Ann Davis McLain, Treasurer, *Ex officio*

Stacy Sauls, *Ex officio*

Audit

#Marc Matthews (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington)

Bonnie Quantrell Jones (St. Martha's, Lexington)

*Tonya Jackson (St. Andrew's, Lexington)

Budget

#*Mary T. Yeiser (Emmanuel, Winchester)
Dave Seigny (St. Raphael's, Lexington)
Kevin Shoupe (St. Andrew's, Ft. Thomas)

Budget Continued

Ginny Eklund (St. Martha's, Lexington)
Jan Courtney (St. Peter's, Paris)
*Ann Davis McClain, Treasurer, *Ex officio*
*Stacy Sauls, *Ex officio*

Church Catholic

#Bill Brown (Ascension, Frankfort)
*John Burkhardt (St. John's, Corbin)
Austin Tuning (St. Andrew's, Lexington)
*Jan Dunnivant (Resurrection, Jessamine County)
Lynn Posze (St. Michael's, Lexington)

Constitution and Canons

#*Buck Hinkle, Chancellor
*Jim Adams (Trinity, Covington)
Guy Graves (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington)
Rob Slocum (Trinity, Danville)
Marvin Suit (St. Francis, Flemingsburg)

Diocesan Mission

#*Stacy Sauls, *Ex officio*
*C.C. Johnson (St. Raphael's, Lexington)
Billy Bennett (Emmanuel, Winchester)
*Susan Baird (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington)
Carol Ruthven (St. Andrew's, Lexington)

Episcopacy and Administration

#*Ann Davis McClain, Treasurer, *Ex officio*
*Carla Van Meter (Emmanuel, Winchester)
Jay Pierce (Non-parochial)
*Pam Knight (St. Patrick's, Somerset)

Finance

#Steve Gabbard (St. Andrew's, Fort Thomas)
Loys Mather (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington)
Holli Powell (St. Raphael's, Lexington)
*Jane Fitzpatrick (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington)
*Bob Sessum (Good Shepherd, Lexington)
*Ann Davis McClain, Treasurer, *Ex officio*
*Stacy Sauls, *Ex officio*
Molly Lovelock, *Bishop's Representative*
*Gerry Yeiser, Assistant Treasurer (Emmanuel, Winchester), *Ex officio*

Nominating Committee

#Bobbie Sieja (St. Andrew's, Fort Thomas)
Erica Ash (St. James, Prestonsburg)
Carol Steinway (Grace, Florence)
Jane Brantley (Trinity, Danville)
Joyce Trivett (St. Hubert's, Clark County)
Mark Furlow (Holy Trinity, Georgetown)
Lauren Hendrick (Good Shepherd, Lexington)

Personnel

#Lin Foley (Holy Trinity, Georgetown)
*Virginia Robbins-Bugg (Trinity, Danville)
Dana Hardwick (St. Patrick's, Somerset)
Bob Thompson (St. Peter's, Paris)

Small Church Ministry

#*Bryant Kibler, *Ex officio*
Irene Isaacs (St. Johns', Corbin)
Max Miniard (St. Mark's, Hazard)
Vertner Taylor (St. Andrew's, Lexington)
*Mary Jane Younce (St. James, Prestonsburg)

Marshall Chapman (St. Albans',
Morehead)

*Executive Council Member
#Chair

He noted that on the Budget Committee, Mary T. Yeiser, Emmanuel, Winchester and Dave Sevigny, St. Raphael's, Lexington would serve a two year term and Kevin Shoupe, St. Andrew's, Fort Thomas, Ginny Eklund, St. Martha's, Lexington and Jan Courtney, St. Peter's, Paris would serve a three year term.

Bishop Sauls called attention to the distribution of the Youth Missioners Job Description (attached herewith). Realizing that the Council was not ready to act upon the position Carla VanMeter moved to table the issue and place it on the June agenda. Fr. Sessum seconded the motion. Carried.

The Chair stated that the Executive Council needed to elect a Vice-President for a one year term. Carla VanMeter nominated Mary T. Yeiser. David Davidson seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kay Collier McLaughlin reviewed the Culture of Courtesy Covenant with the Council. Discussion followed.

Bishop Sauls shared with the Council a section from Ed Freidman's book, *A Failure of Nerve*. He invited anyone interested in studying the book with him to please notify him.

The following were listed as action items:

- St. Martha's Counseling Center lease
- Coordination of fund raising
- Investigation for cell tower
- Investigation of timber proposal
- Youth Missioners Job Description
- 2007 auditor
- St. James loan
- Use of money form sale of property:
 - St. David's
 - Our Saviour, Madison County

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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