

Minutes of the Executive Council  
Episcopal Diocese of Lexington  
October 17, 2009

The Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington met on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at Mission House. Members present were the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Jane Fitzpatrick, C. C. Johnson, Steve Gabbard, David Davidson, the Rev. Michael Henderson, Mary Jane Younce, Pam Knight, Katherine Harper, the Rev. Bob Sessum, the Rev. Jan Dunnavant, Virginia Robbins-Bugg, and the Rev. Audrey Miskelley. Elected members absent were Barbara Crain, Carla VanMeter, the Rev. Mark Furlow, the Rev. Melanie Mudge, Shannon Wilson, and Maggie Miles.

Members present by virtue of their office were Buck Hinkle, Chancellor; Ann Davis McClain, Treasurer; Sam McDonald, Canon to the Ordinary; Diane Gabbard, ECW president (non-voting); and Cindy McKee, Secretary.

Holli Powell, Bishop's Deputy for Finance, was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Sauls who led the Council in morning devotions.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Bishop Sauls called for approval of the August 29, 2009 minutes. The minutes were amended as follows:

Episcopal Church Women, page 3: Change Susie to C. C. and Lucy to Lisa  
Chancellor's Report, page 2: Combine bullets 4 and 5

Katherine Harper moved, Mary Jane Younce seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Passed.

#### **Comments from the Chair**

1. Since last report visits have been made to St. James', Prestonsburg; St. Paul's, Newport; St. Andrew's, Lexington; and St. Francis', Flemingsburg. Five persons were baptized and 18 confirmed. Thirteen of the 18 confirmed were at St. Paul's, which has now reached the end of its five-year redevelopment partnership with the diocese. St. Paul's attendance has increased from 22 (an overestimate) to 75. Matthew Young has done a great job. Due to the hospitality of the vicar and congregation, St. Francis' has possibly the largest Hispanic attendance of any church in the diocese.
2. The Network for Leadership Development continues to go well. The Small Church Ministry Consortium (SCMC) is going well in the sense that it continues to meet the needs of our smallest churches. St. Hubert's and Christ Church, Harlan, have asked to join this group. A better approach on how to fund the SCMC is being developed. Ministry in small churches like these is a challenge in many dioceses.
3. The Mission Funding Taskforce II will report at the next Executive Council meeting in December.

4. Trinity, Danville, has withdrawn its request for deferment of its assessment. Assessment payment trends are followed for pastoral reasons. No concerns that all will be paid by the end of the year.
5. The biggest financial concern is with the non-Mission and Ministry budgets. Fundraising will continue through the end of the year for the various ministries. A recommendation has been made to raise camp fees by \$25 next summer and to add four new camp sessions next summer. A new session may be added over Memorial Day weekend for parents and mini campers. A week may be added early in the summer for college-aged persons.
6. Executive Council members Katherine Harper, Jan Dunnavant and Bob Sessum have been working diligently on the dismantling racism project. This will be our convention theme in some way.
7. We are much more active in campus ministry. St. Augustine's is functioning for the first time in a long time. We continue to host the Lutheran ministry in that space. Our Saviour is active in Berea and St. Alban's at Morehead.
8. The Supreme Court of South Carolina ruled against the Diocese of South Carolina and the Episcopal Church in the Pawley's Island case. A decision will be made whether to seek review in the Supreme Court.
9. Morris Thompson, Dean of the Cathedral, is a nominee for the Bishop of Louisiana. This is a great honor for our diocese. Dixon Barr died on Thursday and his funeral will be held on Monday at Christ Church Cathedral. Bob Bosworth, former rector of Ascension, Frankfort, has renounced his ministry. The Standing Committee has found that James Ryan, a priest of this diocese currently residing in Wisconsin, has abandoned the communion of the church. There has been no communication from him in the past nine years. He may be deposed in six months, as provided by canon, if contact is not made.
10. Maggie Miles is no longer able to serve on Executive Council. Officers of Council will be asked to propose a replacement.

### **Chancellor's Report**

1. St. Paul's parking lot situation. Jim Adams reports that it is a definite go with ongoing discussions concerning the price per square foot. St. Paul's opened at \$40 but might accept \$30-\$35 per square foot to get the deal done.
2. Sale of St. Martha's property. The attorney for the buyer stated they are still interested. St. Martha's is hesitant to fully engage these folks because they are afraid they will miss another buyer. St. Martha's also is not happy with the current offer of \$750,000.
3. Mission House parking lot situation. A contract has been signed and work has begun. The low bid was accepted at the engineer's recommendation. Work won't be completed until the end of October. The engineer said the city is pleased and will be

flexible as long as progress continues. Even with two change orders, the project is still below the amount authorized.

4. Met with Bishop Sauls regarding disciplinary actions with two priests.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ann Davis McClain reported that jewelry stored in the diocesan safe is being appraised.

### **Canon to the Ordinary**

Sam McDonald submitted a written report, which is attached.

### **Archdeacon**

Bryant Kibler submitted a written report, which is attached. Bishop Sauls went over the dates of upcoming training on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (October 20, November 14, March 27) and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation (December 5, January 19, January 23, February 2). He reported an oil company is interested in leasing a capped well at the Domain.

### **Executive Council Reports**

#### A. Finance Committee

The Committee recommended the following resolutions:

#### **Finance Committee Resolution A**

Be it resolved that expenditures of \$87,195.00 for pool improvements completed at the Cathedral Domain are ratified. Discussion. Passed.

#### **Finance Committee Resolution B**

Be it resolved that the treasurer of the Diocese of Lexington is authorized to liquidate temporarily restricted Cathedral Domain investments in the amount of \$74,819.55 to fund the 2008 Cathedral Domain cash deficit, and be it further resolved that this resolution replaces Finance Committee Resolution C passed on December 13, 2008. Discussion. Passed.

- B. Church Catholic—no report
- C. Personnel—no report
- D. Audit—no report
- E. Diocesan Mission—no report
- F. Appeals—no report
- G. Budget—no report
- H. Episcopacy and Administration—no report
- I. Domain Committee—no report
- J. Loan Committee—no report

**Diocesan Men**—no report

**Episcopal Church Women**

Diane Gabbard reported on ECW activities going on in the diocese, especially the United Thank Offering (UTO) fall ingathering. UTO grant calendars were distributed. She said no dollar figures are yet available on the amount of the Bishop's Fund offering. The ECW fall meeting and luncheon will be held on November 7.

**Old Business**

1. St. Paul's, Newport, parking lot—addressed in Chancellor's report.
2. St. James' request for Aided Parish Status—Sam McDonald and Janey Wilson have met with the Vestry. The Bishop asked that action be postponed until the December meeting.
3. Fundraising Policies and Strategies—The Diocesan Fundraising Taskforce submitted a written report, which is attached.

**New Business**

1. Auditors Engagement Letter—Bob Sessum moved, Katherine Harper seconded that the Chair of the Audit Committee be authorized to execute the letter of engagement. Discussion. Passed.

The next Executive Council meeting will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Mission House. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy McKee  
Secretary