

The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington
Meeting of the Executive Council
December 15, 2007

The Executive Council of the Diocese of Lexington met at 10:00 am, December 15, 2007 at Mission House, Lexington, Kentucky. Members present were: The Rt. Rev. Stacy F. Sauls, Mr. Buck Hinkle, Mrs. H. Allen Rogers (Marie), Ms. Ann Davis McClain, the Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, the Venerable Bryant Kibler, the Rev. Dr. Joyce Beaulieu, Mr. Andy Sigmon, Mr. Bungee Bynum, Ms. Molly Lovelock, Mrs. Tom Baird (Susan), the Rev. Dana Hardwick, Mr. Steve Locke, Mrs. Mary T. Yeiser, the Rev. Dr. John Burkhart, the Rev. Elise Johnstone, Mrs. George VanMeter (Carla), Mrs. Tonya Jackson, the Rev. Bob Sessum, Ms. Katherine Harper, Mrs. Jane Fitzpatrick, Mr. Shannon Wilson, Mrs. C.C. Johnson, Also present were Mr. Steven Gabbard and Mr. Dave Seigny.

The Bishop called the Meeting to order and led the Council in Morning Devotions.

The following corrections were made to the Minutes of the November 10, 2007 Meeting.

1. Page 3—Topic “Section on Executive Council”; Paragraph 2 under “Discussion”—add “Items-21-32.”
2. Page 3—Under “Discussion”—Bishop request—should read—“Bishop requested a roll call vote on all recommendations to the Executive Council- Items 21-32 as well as the issues on Trent Blvd.; St. David’s, Pikeville and St. Andrew’s, Fort Thomas included in section on Recommendations of the Special Commission.
3. In section on members present-the Rev. Johnstone’s given name should read: Elise.
4. Page 2—3rd section under “Action” should read Bishops staff will assist the Secretary in the duty to “preserve its journals and records.”
5. Page 4—#9 under “Action” should read-“Bishop will appoint a Clergy person-a deacon if possible...”
6. Page 4—#9 under “Follow-up” should read—Clergy person, if possible a deacon....
7. Page 5—under “Discussion” add #12—Mutual Ministry Review
8. Page 5—under “Follow-up” #12—delete
9. Page 7—last “Action” should read: Executive Council authorized the Bishop, upon the approval of the Chancellor, to execute the mortgage and other documents.
10. Remind staff to number pages.

Mrs. Carla VanMeter moved the Rev. Dana Hardwick seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion Passed.

Discussion followed as to what form the minutes should be executed.

The Rev. Bob Sessum moved, Mrs. Mary T. Yeiser seconded that the minutes return to the traditional form. Passed.

Discussion was held on who should execute the “Action Items”. Mr. Buck Hinkle volunteered to be responsible for executing the “Action Items.”

With the Council’s permission the “Special Order of Business: Budget Committee Presentation” was placed as the next item of business.

Mrs. Mary T. Yeiser, Chairman of the Budget Committee, introduced two other members of the Committee, Mr. Steve Gabbard, St. Andrew’s, Fort Thomas, and Mr. Dave Sevigny, St. Raphael’s, Lexington. She explained that the Budget presented now is the “Dream Budget”. It is the budget that will be presented at the Budget Hearings around the Diocese. She then asked Mr. Steve Gabbard to present the Power Point Presentation of the Dream Budget. Discussion followed.

It was explained that after receiving the Assessment Appeals, the Budget will be adjusted and the Council will receive that budget at its January meeting. The Budget approved at the January Meeting will then be the Budget sent to the Convention.

Bishop Sauls made comments on the following:

1. The Venerable Bryant Kibler has been appointed Acting Deputy for Administration and Ms. Molly Lovelock has been appointed Acting Deputy for Financial Affairs.
2. Grace Church, Florence—granted request to revert to Mission Status and forgave the balance of their assessment for 2007. The Bishop hopes to appoint a vicar soon.
3. Domain Task Force—has been asked to report to the Executive Council in January and then to Convention.
4. Making progress with work on the Website.
5. Will appoint the Vice Chancellor as Almoner to file with the Executive Council at its January Meeting a report on the uses of the Discretionary Fund with the four categories that are appropriate uses under the Diocesan Policy.
6. Seminary Fund—Plans to reopen the Seminary and will appoint a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees who will decide how those funds will be used.
7. Diocese of San Joaquin—disassociated from the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Buck Hinkle, Chancellor, reported that all the necessary changes have been agreed to concerning the bond issue for Emmanuel Church, Winchester and that mission has been accomplished.

Mr. Hinkle noted he had received an agreement transaction from the Rev. Bob Sessum which will be discussed later in the meeting. Discussion followed concerning leases.

Ms. Ann Davis McClain, Acting Treasurer, had no formal report. She did note that the Grace, Florence debt of \$15,000 has been forgiven: Ascension, Frankfort, is behind \$22,000 and are in the process of presenting a plan to pay that debt; St. Michael's, Lexington is behind \$19,400 and promises to pay by the end of the year; St. John's, Versailles is behind \$5,300 and will be contacted. At this point there is no cash flow problem, and there will be full financial report at the January meeting.

The Finance Committee Report was distributed (attached herewith).

The Bishop, referring to the Roll Call Vote on the Recommendation to Executive Council (Items 21-32) and the issues on Trent Blvd, St. David's Pikeville, asked Ms. Katherine Harper and the Rev. Elise Johnstone if they accepted those recommendations. Both accepted all recommendations. The remaining members who were absent will be asked at the January Meeting.

The Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross, Canon to the Ordinary, filed his report by title (attached herewith). Discussion followed.

The Venerable Bryant Kibler, Archdeacon, filed his report by title (attached herewith). Discussion followed concerning the sale of St. David's, Pikeville. The appraisal has been completed and the proposal for the distribution for those funds is pending.

The Bishop called attention to the Finance Committees request concerning a distribution from the Cathedral Domain Endowment. The Rev. Bob Sessum moved, the Rev. Dana Hardwick seconded that the \$80,000 from the Cathedral Doman Endowment Fund be sent to the Diocese in order to partially fund the "due from the Cathedral Domain." Passed.

The Bishop noted that under the Committee of the Church Catholic that a resolution needs to be prepared to renew our Companion Diocese relationship with Haiti.

Ms. Tonya Jackson, reporting for the Audit Committee, stated that the 2006 Audit for the Diocese had been completed December 12, 2007 and has been mailed. It was noted that they still need to hire an auditor for the 2007 Audit. Discussion followed.

The Venerable Bryant Kibler, reporting for the Small Church Ministry Consortium, stated that a \$15,000 grant had been received from Roanridge for Education and training.

Bishop Sauls reported that the Appeals Committee would meet January 19, 2007.

Mr. Andy Sigmon, Camps and Conference Board, Stated that they are in the process of their Annual Appeal and have received about \$16,000 to date. He encouraged all to participate.

Mrs. Tom Baird, President of the Diocesan ECW, reported:

1. Annual Meeting went well. Special thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jan Dunnavant and Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin.
2. Website is up and running.
3. Grant applications for the Bishop Hosea Fund are available.
4. ECW Grant Applications are available.
5. Women's Weekend—May 17-19, 2008.

The Rev. Bob Sessum distributed a copy of an agreement (attached herewith) between Mission Lexington Inc. and the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington. He explained the document noting that it would be for an Adult Free Clinic (medical) to be housed at St. Martha's Church, Lexington. The Clinic is being sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington. He also noted that they have been granted zoning approval. Discussion followed.

The Rev. Dana Hardwick moved, Mrs. Carla VanMeter seconded that the Executive Council approve the agreement depending upon the Chancellor's approval of the document. Motion passed with the Rev. Bob Sessum abstaining.

The Bishop requested approval of 2008 Housing Allowances for the following: Canon Johnnie Ross-\$27,500; Rev. Dr. Joyce Beaulieu-\$22,500; Rev. Janey Wilson-\$16,000; Bishop Stacy Sauls-\$47,000 and Rev. Margaret Shanks-\$11,000.

Ms. C.C. Johnson moved acceptance of the requested allowances. Ms. Ann Davis McClain seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Canon Ross reported that Ascension, Frankfort has requested that they be allowed to spread over the next year in equal amounts the amount remaining on their 2007 assessment and agreed not to appeal their 2008 assessment. Discussion followed.

The Rev. Bob Sessum moved, Mrs. Carla VanMeter seconded that the Executive Council receive and accept the proposal of Ascension, Frankfort. Motion passed.

It was noted that the \$22,000 owed on Ascension, Frankfort's 2007 assessment should not be included as monies to be budgeted in the 2008 budget.

Bishop Sauls reported that in reading the Canons he realized that we have not been following the correct procedure for the Nominating Committee, so this year the Executive council will approve the report of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Carla VanMeter submitted to Council the Nominating Committee Report (attached herewith) which had been submitted to her. It was noted that the Report was not complete.

The Rev. Dana Hardwick moved, Mrs. Carla VanMeter seconded, that the Executive Council accept what has been submitted and that the Nominating Committee Report be supplemented when the full report is submitted. Motion passed.

The following people abstained; Mrs. Jane Fitzpatrick, Ms. Ann Davis McClain, the Rev. Bob Sessum, and Canon Ross.

Mr. Buck Hinkle stated that he had noted no designated “action items.”

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

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