

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2018

Interchurch Center – Krannert Hall

PRESENT: The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Rev. Debbie Dehler, Jeff Brinkman, Bill Hughes, Lara Dreyer, Rev. David Guilfoyle, Susan Steigerwald, Allen Rutherford, Caroline Fairbanks, Rev. Michelle Roos, Alexander Koponen, Laurel Cornell, Rev. Frank Impicicche, Rev. C. Davies Reed, Sean Sullivan, Canon Brendan O’Sullivan-Hale, Tom Wood, Janet Brinkworth.

There was a time of prayer in preparation of the meeting, led by Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by Bishop Jennifer.

MINUTES – There were no minutes from teleconference on Dec. 13. Minutes from the business meeting on November 11 were sent out in advance. Corrections were made to the members present – add Tom Wood, C. Davies Reed and David Guilfoyle. Remove Evelyn Wheeler. With these corrections, a motion to accept the Minutes was made by C. Davies Reed and a second to the motion was made by Allen Rutherford. No further discussion. **PASSED.**

REFRESHING DIOCESAN LIFE. Bishop Jennifer went over the list previously made (the list is included at the end of these minutes). There was a discussion on terminology and what certain words represent. The questions were asked: What are we? How do we articulate who we are? The Bishop read an article written on inauguration day and a copy was emailed to council members at their request.

CANTICLE COMMUNICATIONS PHONE CONVERSATION. Current conversation was put on hold to call Rebecca Wilson of Canticle Communication. Rebecca spoke about her work and using communication as an evangelism tool. Spoke about transparent communication, especially about council meetings, business of church, telling stories. Mentioned our newsletter – changes are coming and being phased in. Also, a new website is coming. Discussion around getting leads to write stories (send leads to communication@indydio.org now). Rebecca will send some links to the Diocesan Office and those will be sent to council members. Additional discussion on individual parishes, newsletter distribution, etc.

Break for lunch

We continued, and Bishop Jennifer spoke briefly about visits, Diocesan staff visits and other ways to be in touch with people of the Diocese. Spoke about Eat-Pray-Chat and other events coming up.

EVANGELISM. Report on Evangelism given by Canon Brendan O’Sullivan-Hale. Discussion on defining evangelism. Mentioned upcoming events and contact info.

BUDGET TASK FORCE. Report given by Canon Brendan. He mentioned the need to transform communities and dream where our money should go. There are some deadlines to consider in May and there are requirements if a deanery has a spring meeting. There was discussion of budget, raising money, keeping in mind our purpose and spending money in that area; always mindful of communicating. Bishop Jennifer made sure people had notes from convention session (copies were available at the meeting).

STRUCTURE TASK FORCE. Report given by Lara Dreyer. There was some discussion on the timeline and making changes carefully. She also believes there is a need for a different kind of agenda for their next meeting.

WAYCROSS UPDATE. Report given by Canon Brendan. Interim director is in place. They have a new website and new email addresses.

CONVENTION UPDATE. Given by Canon Brendan. He mentioned we are looking for people to help plan the convention and is open to suggestions of people to serve. Discussion on programing, things to offer.

PATHWAYS TO VITALITY. Canon Debra Kissinger sent a report to all via email. No additional discussion.

TREASURER REPORT. Given by Tom Wood. Tom highlighted several items from his report. Information had been sent in advance by email. There was some discussion.

UPCOMING DATES FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. Dates confirmed are
March 17 at Waycross,
June 16 at Waycross,
September 15 at Waycross,
instead of Nov 3, on Oct 27 (confirmed at Waycross),
December 14-15 overnight at Waycross.

There was discussion that we might want to insert a meeting between March and June and will decide that later, and perhaps that will be smaller group meetings. Also, there was discussion of making the September meeting the meeting related to budget approval.

There was a question on responsibilities between the standing committee and the executive council, with a suggestion of having a joint meeting.

The meeting ended in prayer and was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Brinkworth

REFRESHING DIOCESAN LIFE

The Work

- Be Beacons of Jesus for central and southern Indiana and the world
- Articulate a generous invitation and welcome
- Connect/deepen relationships within the church and with the world
- Develop and support leadership for the church of today and tomorrow

The Vision

- Diocese of Indianapolis—48 aid stations of hope and healing
 - Connected in *Christ*
 - Making a *bold witness*
 - Offering a *radical welcome*

Images

- Open/outstretched hands
- Stone soup

-- Sent via email from William Hughes