

Executive Council Meeting
Zoom Conference Call
March 14, 2020

These minutes were approved at the June 6, 2020 meeting.

Present: The Rev. Christopher Beasley, Mr. Jeff Brinkmann, Ms. Mary Ellen Brown, Ms. Lara Dreyer, Mr. Dick Frey, The Rev. Frank Impicciche, Mr. Isaiah Kuch, Mr. Michael McGraw, The Rev. Rebecca Nickel, The Rev. Jan Oller, The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Ms. Mariann Scott, Mr. Sean Sullivan, The Rev. Holly Zaher, Canon Brendan O’Sullivan-Hale, Canon Kristin White, Dr. Laurel Cornell, Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Janet Brinkworth
Absent: Ms. Rose Anne Grasty, Ms. Susan Steigerwald

The meeting began with a roll call at 10:05am. The Bishop then led us in prayer.

Minutes from the 1/18/2020 meeting were presented for approval. There was one typographical error that will be corrected. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by C. Davies Reed and the second was made by Sean Sullivan. The motion to approve was PASSED.

The Bishop mentioned the Executive Council Norms, that the Council worked on this recently. It will remain a part of the agenda for each meeting.

Leadership Updates. The Bishop began by expressing her gratitude for community – taking care of each other and parishioners in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Presiding Bishop is in touch with bishops on key decisions including the impact of the virus on Holy Week and Easter, upcoming consecrations, and opportunities to worship using technology. Bishop Jennifer shared news of the recent death of Sean Cox; and it was announced that Bishop Barbara Harris also died today. The Diocesan office is now closed, but the staff is working from home and have access to voice mail. Staff will periodically go into the office on a staggered schedule.

Canon Kristin reported on Vestry Leader Resource Day (2/29/2020). She indicated it was an effective event and some of the training had tools that now translate to our current situation. One hundred thirty people attended. Canon Kristin and Jen Phelps traveled this week to a convention for transition ministers in Florida. Canon Kristin reminded us of the current shortage of priests (58 priests for 364 positions). She mentioned that several upcoming events are still on hold, including the College for Congregational Development (CCD) in July. Canon Kristin mentioned the Virtual Abbey on our Facebook page, where everyone can participate in Morning Prayer and Compline daily.

Canon Brendan presented financial updates. The January books are closed, and our annual audit was scheduled for March 24, but has been pushed to mid-April. He mentioned his diagram for Morning Prayer, and it is especially helpful now, since we want to be helpful to each other while worshipping in different ways. This week is a meeting of the Liturgical Commission. (the Rev. Suzanne Wille, the Rev. Julia Whitworth, the Rev. Jim Stanton, the Rev. Jan Oller, and Canon Brendan).

Old Business: Canon Brendan gave some background on the Law and Policy Project, now branded Justice Indiana, that the Council first heard about in 2019, and their request for fiscal sponsorship. Canon Brendan and Adam Mueller, who is leading the project, met with Josh Tatum and PSRB to discuss how the formal relationship would work. The model that appears most appropriate is to establish Justice Indiana as a preapproved grantee. Justice Indiana will be responsible for pursuing grants, but the Diocese will be the recipient of funds, and will transact on Justice Indiana’s behalf.

Under this model, Justice Indiana will pursue 501(c)3 status as swiftly as possible. This must be approved by Executive Council. The motion was made by the Rev. Rebecca Nickel and seconded by Michael McGraw. There was additional discussion and confirmation that the diocese is not financially committed, but this is a commitment of Canon Brendan's time. A vote was taken, and it PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business. Information has already gone out regarding the St Andrew's apportionment. There was an error in calculation and changed not to a corrected status. A motion was made to approve by Dick Frey. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2019 Financial Package was provided. There were no questions.

Financials 2021 Budget Process. There was a recent Budget Formation Committee Meeting and several items were mentioned to the Council including grant requests, pay increase, medical increase. The Council received explanations of the markings on the document. There was some discussion on various items including curacy, campus ministry, diocesan convention. The Budget Formation Committee will soon meet to present the 2021 budget by the next Executive Council meeting in May.

The budget formation committee presented a proposed revision to the 2020 budget, intended to respond to financial distress likely to be caused by the economic fallout of the pandemic. The revised budget provides apportionment relief to a limited set of congregations and creates a \$150,000 emergency fund for congregational relief. The committee moved the budget. There were additional questions. A vote was taken. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer's report. The report was sent to the There was a call for questions. Motion to receive the report made by Michael McGraw, seconded by the Rev. C. Davies Reed.

Minutes of the Investment and Finance Committee were presented (2 meetings).

Other Business. Last weekend at Waycross was busy with a youth retreat, Commission on Ministry retreat, Standing Committee meeting. Rebekah Sims is now a candidate for ordination to the diaconate. The Rev. Sam Vaught and the Rev. Allan Wallace are approved to be ordained to the priesthood. The ordination is scheduled for June. Kristin indicated that she has received positive information on discernment of the future of diocesan youth and campus ministry and ministry with young adults. All Spring Neighborhood Meetings will be convened virtually; dates and contact information for each of the meetings is available under the events section of the diocesan website. Holly mentioned EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) has registrants and they are excited. Kristin shared that there has been such great leadership, council, and assistance within the diocese. The Bishop agreed that we are all doing the work that needs to be done.

The meeting adjourned 11:43am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Brinkworth