

Executive Council Meeting
(as part of a joint meeting of Executive Council,
Standing Committee, and Neighborhood Co-Conveners)

December 9, 2023

Waycross Camp and Conference Center

These are the official minutes, approved at the February 3, 2024 Executive Council meeting.

Executive Council members present:

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, President
Ms. Joan Amati
The Rev. Christopher Beasley
Ms. Amy Dobbs
Mr. Dick Frey
The Rev. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore
The Rev. C. Davies Reed
The Rev. Allen Rutherford
Canon Mariann Scott
The Rev. Jim Said*
Mr. Greg Seamon
Mr. Mike Staubitz*
Mr. Sean Sullivan
The Rev. T.J. Tetzlaff*
The Rev. Julia Whitworth

absent:

Ms. Lara Chase
Ms. Lara Dreyer
The Rev. Hipolito Fernandez Reina
The Rev. Dr. Jason Haddox
Ms. Sally Hardgrove

** - representing more than one body*

Ex-officio:

Canon Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale,
Canon for Administration & Evangelism
Dr. Laurel Cornell,
Treasurer of the Diocese

Guest:

Ms. Sarah Gunter, Executive Director
Waycross Camp & Conference Center

Mr. Sean Sullivan, Secretary of the Diocese, was appointed without objection as the secretary of the meeting.

[The joint meeting recessed at 11:10 AM and Executive Council reconvened at 11:31 AM.]

Canon O'Sullivan-Hale proposed that the Executive Council move \$230,000.00 from Unrestricted Funds. Rev. Reed suggested that \$100,000.00 could come from Waycross assets and the other \$130,00.00 could come from the Diocese.

MOTION (C. Davies Reed+/Mariann Scott): to move \$230,000.00 from Unrestricted Funds to Waycross to cover outstanding debts. PASSED.

The Table

Canon O'Sullivan-Hale reported that The Table, Indianapolis, now accepted into the Diocese, is prepared to meet their pension obligations, but is not yet ready to shoulder their full apportionment to the Diocese.

MOTION (Julia Whitworth+/Scott): to set the 2024 apportionment for The Table, Indianapolis, at 3%, with the expectation of incremental annual increases to be approved by the Executive Council, with the goal of reaching the standard diocesan apportionment level not later than 2028. PASSED.

Housing Allowances

Housing Allowance resolutions for 2024 (per Internal Revenue Code 107) were presented for the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, the Rev. Hilary Cooke, and the Rev. Jim Said.

MOTION (Alan Rutherford+/Whitworth+): to approve 2024 Housing Allowances. PASSED with one abstention.¹

Bishop/Staff Updates

The Bishop reported on the search for a replacement for Canon Kristin White (now Bishop-elect of Southern Ohio). She described the process and possible call. She also announced the College for Congregational Development will take place as scheduled in 2024.

The meeting was advised that Diocesan Youth Minister Heather Kenison is providing updates on social media and the diocesan website.² "We're off to a good start," the Bishop said.

Canon O'Sullivan-Hale said that the "Preaching Among Friends" online course is about to start a second class. Last year there were thirty registrants from the Diocese; this year, only three have enrolled so far. He also discussed the renewal of a grant for the Church Buildings for Collaborative Partnerships project. Canon O'Sullivan-Hale announced that he has joined the board of Forward Movement.

He also advised the meeting that the General Convention deputation has received committee assignments for the 81st Convention, which will take place in Louisville, KY, next summer.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 30th meeting were reviewed, and corrections suggested. Concern was expressed that a revised resolution supporting Waycross was referenced but not included in the minutes.

MOTION (Sean Sullivan/Scott): to approve the 9/30/23 minutes as amended. PASSED with five abstentions.³

[Executive Council recessed at 12:33 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM.]

Financial update

¹ Rev. Said did not vote on his own Housing Allowance.

² <https://indydio.org/youth/>

³ By rule, abstentions do not count as a vote against the motion. The motion passed because the remaining votes were all in favor.

Canon O’Sullivan-Hale reviewed the September 2023 Financial Package and the October 2023 Income Statement⁴ (October’s financials were not yet complete).

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Laurel Cornell presented her Treasurer’s Report⁵ for approval.

MOTION (Rutherford+/Scott): to receive the Treasurer’s Report, subject to audit. PASSED.

[At this point, the Executive Council business session was completed, and the joint meeting was reconvened, see Appendix A.]

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Sullivan

Secretary of the Diocese

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