

Episcopal Diocese of Montana  
Minutes of Diocesan Council Conference Call  
April 9, 2019

The Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana held a meeting via conference call, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

**Attendance.** Council members present were: Sandy Williams, Cynthia Hoelscher, The Rev. Janis Hansen, The Rev. Dorcie Dvarishkis, Manny Hoag, The Rev. Canon Clark Sherman, Jerry Southwood and Cathy Morris. Council members The Rev. Randy Pendergraft and George Kimmet were absent. Also in attendance were The Rev. Steven Yurosko, Diocesan Treasurer; Barb Hagen, Canon for Administration and Finance; Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary; and The Rev. Jean Collins, Liaison from the Standing Committee.

**Call to Order / Adoption of Agenda.** With a quorum participating in the call, Vice President, The Rev. Janis Hansen, called the meeting to order. Janis opened the meeting with prayer. The agenda as previously distributed was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS.

**Minutes of March 16, 2019 Meeting.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the March 16, 2019 Diocesan Council meeting were approved as presented.

**Update - Oil and Gas Lease Information.** Janis Hansen stated next week, she will meet with Larry, a parishioner who works in the oil and gas industry, to review the Oil and Gas Lease the Diocese received from LoneTree Energy & Associates, and to gain more information on the mineral rights in Divide County owned by the Diocese. Further, Janis stated she is working to get documentation and policy in order. Barb Hagen said the Diocese also owns mineral interests by Scobey.

**Vacancies on Diocesan Council.** Janis Hansen announced The Rev. Wells Warren has accepted an invitation to join Diocesan Council and complete the term vacated by The Rev. Joan Yetter, which expires in 2020. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to accept Fr. Warren as a member of Diocesan Council. Fr. Warren will be in attendance at Council's May 2019 meeting. Further, it was agreed to not fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of The Rev. Richard Reynolds, as his term expires this year.

**Follow-Up: Dillon Assessment.** Janis Hansen has reached out to the Treasurer of St. James Church in Dillon to discuss their monthly assessment payments for 2019, but has not yet heard back.

**Outline for Council Visits to Parishes.** Council members reviewed a draft Outline to be followed when making visitations to parishes. The consensus of Council was that the outline was well written, explains the assessment process for churches, and the un-balanced Diocesan budget.

**Site Manager's House at Camp Marshall.** Barb Hagen stated that with the change of the Site Manager at Camp Marshall, the Diocese has incurred additional expenses related to the Site Manager's house. The house needs a new stove, washer, dryer and dishwasher. Also, it is anticipated that electrical updates will be needed to the home. The current estimate for appliances, delivery, installation and electrical work is \$6,665.82. A source of funding needs to be found, as the Camp Budget does not provide for such expenses. Barb Hagen said the expenses can be paid from the Camp Investment Account, or alternatively, from the Faber Fund. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to use the Faber Fund to pay for repairs and new appliances for the Site Manager's house. Janis Hansen will talk to Camp Director, Sue LaRose, to get a better understanding of the repair process on the house, then report back to Council.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

**Report of the Standing Committee.** The Rev. Jean Collins, Liaison from the Standing Committee to Diocesan Council, gave an update on the work of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee continues to meet weekly via Google Hangout, and once a month in person in Helena.

(1) The Standing Committee continues to make appointments to various Diocesan Convention committees.

(2) Julie Sisler resigned as Site Manager of Camp Marshall effective March 31, 2019. Her resignation was accepted. Mark Clemow began work as the new Camp Marshall Site Manager on April 1, 2019.

(3) The Nominating Committee has presented a slate of candidates to be the next Bishop of the Diocese of Montana to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee is now performing its due diligence in reviewing all documents of the proposed slate. The candidates have until Friday, April 12, 2019 to inform the Standing Committee whether they will allow their name to be placed on the slate and will serve if elected. The slate will be announced to the Diocese after Easter and prior to May 1, 2019. At that time, there is a two week period for others to petition into the process. The Petition Process is the means by which a qualified person, not initially part of the slate, can be nominated for inclusion on the Slate of Candidates.

(4) St. Mark's in Havre continues to rest, reflect and move forward. Beginning this month (April), they will have Holy Eucharist twice a month. All Saints' in Whitefish/Columbia Falls has offered to pay for a third Sunday every month. St. Mark's is excited to have an Easter Day Holy Eucharist Service with 'live music'!

(5) Much accomplished, much still to be done.

**Future Diocesan Council Meetings.**

- \* Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (in-person) to be held at  
**St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena.**
- \* Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (conference call).

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the Diocesan Council, on motion duly made and seconded, the conference call was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Vice President, The Rev. Janis Hansen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary.