

Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
March 7, 2023 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Bishop Jeffrey Lee; Ms. Janice Pauc, Vice-President of the Executive Council; the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller, President of the Standing Committee; the Rev. Don Fleischman; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Esther Kramer; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright, President of Commission on Ministry; Mr. Roger Mukasa; the Rev. Joel Prather and the Rev. Debra Trakel

Others present: Ms. Caroline Senn, Financial Controller and Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq., Chancellor

Absent: Mr. Mike Weber, Diocesan Treasurer; the Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries; Ms. Barbara Eckland; the Rev. Nancy Hodge; Mr. Ethan Tarvin; Ms. Judith Miller and the Ven. Charles Zellermayer, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments

At 6:33 p.m. Bishop Lee called the meeting to order and led the EC in prayer, especially remembering the Rt. Rev. Frank T Griswold who died March 5.

February 7, 2023 EC Minutes

Bishop Lee asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the February 7, 2023 EC meeting. Mother Pippa noted the incorrect listing of one of the volunteers to the Nicholson House Task Force. Rev. Pedro Mukasa should be Mr. Roger Mukasa. Bishop Lee asked if there were any further additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the February 7, 2023 EC meeting. Hearing nothing, he called for a vote to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were so approved.

Financials

Bishop Lee asked Ms. Caroline Senn to present the EC with a “balcony view” of the financials. Ms. Caroline Senn called attention to the fact that:

- endowment payments are done quarterly
- the final payments are being submitted to retired staff
- the amount of our National Assessment

She stated that there was nothing unusual or strange in the financials and that most of the parishes were current with their assessments.

Questions and discussion focused on restricted endowments and campus ministry funding.

Canon for Ministry

Bishop Lee noted Rev. Scott Leannah's report in drop box and spoke briefly about the current diaconal formation process.

Update on Trialogue

Bishop Lee called on the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller for an update on the Trialogue.

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller noted the following:

- final reports from the various task forces are being submitted to the Steering Committee
- the Steering Committee will meet April 15th to determine the viability of reunification and to establish the next steps for either reunification or remaining separate dioceses
- a salient issue – Bishop Jeffrey Lee's current contract

Update on Nicholson House

Bishop Lee called on Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq. for his report.

Mr. Mark Ehrmann, Esq. stated that he was in the process of:

- getting a small group together
- gathering background information as to the legal status of Nicholson House
 1. A title/deed
 2. Its rights and obligations and liabilities

Update on Haiti Partnership

Bishop Lee called on Ms. Caroline Senn for her report on the Haiti Partnership.

Ms. Caroline Senn stated that:

- It is a complex situation; there is a 40-year history.
- There was an extensive review of the Haiti Partnership and recommendations were made.
- A paradigm shift was initiated – from the Haitians being taken care of to being engaged in the endeavor.
- This shift is not being readily accepted.
- By June, a recommendation for how to continue into the next year will be submitted.

Bishop Lee gave the closing prayer.

Deacon Marge said the dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Margaret (Marge) M. Kiss

Executive Secretary & Recorder of the Minutes

Appendix I

2023 Executive Council Meeting Dates -- First Tuesday at
6:30p.m. via ZOOM

May 2

June 6

(July 4 – No Meeting – Holiday)

August 1

September 5

(October 3 – No Meeting – Convention, Oct. 21)

November 7

(December 5 traditionally no meeting)

Appendix II

2021 Norms for Executive Council Meetings

Begin with prayer

Start and end on time

Receive and Review material one week ahead of time of meeting

Respectful communication

- Assume good/best intentions

- Seek to model reconciliation

- Look for the best in others

- Give the best we have

- Gentleness first

Recuse oneself, leave the room and abstain from matters in which one has a conflict of interest

Respect the “confidential nature” of the discussion (Identify if confidential)

All responsible for the process at the table; Pay attention/Be actively engaged

All members of Executive Council are authorized to raise their hand, to call for a pause in the process, and to ask for a moment of prayer from the Bishop

We are always The Church.