

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
November 1, 2022 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Bishop Jeffrey Lee; Ms. Janice Pauc, Vice-President of the Executive Council; Mr. Mike Weber, Diocesan Treasurer; the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller, President of the Standing

Committee; Ms. D'Arcy Becker; the Rev. Don Fleischman; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Pedro Lara; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright, President of Commission on Ministry; Ms. Judith Miller; Mr. Roger Mukasa; the Rev. Joel Prather; the Rev. Debra Trakel; and Mr. John Vogel

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

Absent: The Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon for Ministries; the Rev. Steve Capitelli; the Rev. Pedro Lara and the Rev. Roger Mukasa

Guests: The Rev. Geoff Ward, President of the Board of Directors, DeKoven; and newly elected EC members: the Rev. Nancy Hodge; the Rev. Esther Kramer; Mr. Ethan Tarvin

At 6:30 p.m. Bishop Lee called the meeting to order and led the EC in prayer with members naming special intentions. He welcomed the newly elected EC members and said there would be introductions later.

September 6, 2022 EC Minutes

Bishop Lee asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the September 6, 2022 EC meeting. Hearing nothing, he called for a vote to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were so approved.

DeKoven (name change)

The Rev. Geoff Ward, President of the Board of Directors, DeKoven brought to the EC the following resolution:

*Whereas the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, Inc. is the sole member of the corporation of The DeKoven Foundation for Church Work, and;
Whereas, the DeKoven Articles of Incorporation, Article VII states amendments may be made by the members of the Corporation as may at the time be required by the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law (see Wis. Stats. 181.1003), and;
Whereas the current name is hindering the ability of DeKoven to seek funding through grants for the operation and development of the historic campus in Racine;
Therefore, be it resolved by the Executive Council of the Diocese of Milwaukee that the DeKoven Articles of Incorporation be amended by striking the name The DeKoven Foundation*

for Church Work and inserting DeKoven Center, and that the officers of the Corporation are authorized to sign and file the appropriate documents to effect such change.

He explained the issues supporting a name change: primarily that the current name is a road block to receiving grants and that the name change gives more clarity as to what they do/their identity.

***Mr. John Johnson moved the approval of the motion presented above officially changing the name to DeKoven Center; it was seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Mark Ehrmann Esq. noted that the motion approves the name change, but it does not clarify who completes the paperwork.

Rev. Geoff Ward explained that the motion passed at the DeKoven Board Meeting with the governing chair approved to do the paperwork. He also thanked the EC for their support.

Financials

Ms. Caroline Seen stated that:

--Financially there was nothing unusual.

--There were uncontrollable loses due to what was happening in the market.

--Her continuing goal is to inform the EC of the assets of the diocese, so that they can employ them responsibly

She felt it would be helpful to set up a time to meet, on line, with the newly elected members and explain the format of the financial reports.

There was a brief discussion of the land grant (Christ Baptist Church) – its history and current status.

Bishop Lee thanked Ms. Senn for her report and noted that the report from Canon Scott Leannah was in drop box. He asked the EC to peruse it and direct any questions to Rev. Scott Leannah or to the bishop.

Update on Trialogue

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller noted that:

--The 7 task forces have picked up steam; reports will be presented in January with parishes becoming more engaged with the task forces.

--A prepared statement, regarding the work of the Trialogue, was given at each Convention and table talks were held.

--A video, regarding the Trialogue, is on the diocesan website.

--A retreat for the clergy of all three dioceses was held at Holy Wisdom Monastery.

Bishop Lee felt that:

--By and large, the movement has been positive.

--Whatever happens with the Trialogue, there are resources to share: ex: combined youth leadership.

Ms. Caroline Senn suggested a draft financial model for January, 2023.

Newly Elected/Retiring EC Members

Bishop Lee re-welcomed the newly elected EC members. He defined the EC as analogous to vestry or a private board of directors. He explained that the members are representatives around the diocese. He asked the new members present (Mr. Ethan

Tarvin; Rev. Esther Kramer and Rev. Nancy Hodge) to tell a little bit about who they are and why they wanted to be on EC. He furthered thanked the members leaving EC (Ms. D'Arcy Becker; Rev. Steve Capitelli, Rev. Pedro Lara and Mr. John Vogel) for their support and hard work.

Discussion on the Trialogue re-visited

It was felt that there was:

- an overall slow start to incoming information, but that:
- building a good foundation, a solid theological/spiritual grounding was critical

Bishop Lee: *Stay Tuned.*

Bishop Lee called on the Rev. Esther Kramer for the closing prayer.

Bishop Lee gave the blessing; Deacon Marge said the dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 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

January 3 --cancelled

February 7

March 7

(April 4 – No Meeting – Holy Week)

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.