

**Diocese of Milwaukee
Executive Council Minutes
September 5, 2023 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Ms. Janice Pauc, Vice-President of the Executive Council; the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller, President of the Standing Committee; the Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon to the Ordinary; Mr. Mike Weber, Diocesan Treasurer; Ms. Barbara Eckblad; the Rev. Don Fleischman; the Rev. Nancy Hodge; Dr. John Johnson; the Rev. Esther Kramer; the Rev. Pippa Lindwright, President of Commission on Ministry; Ms. Judith Miller; Mr. Roger Mukasa and the Rev. Debra Trakel

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

Absent: The Rev. Joel Prather; Mr. Ethan Tarvin and the Ven. Charles Zellermayer, Executive Director of Trustees of Funds & Endowments

At 6:32 p.m. Ms. Janice Pauc, Vice-President of the Executive Council, called the meeting to order; she noted the addition of a motion from the Rev. Joel Prather. She called on the Rev. Scott Leannah, Canon to the Ordinary, to lead the EC in prayer.

June 6, 2023 EC Minutes

Ms. Janice Pauc asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the Executive Council minutes of the June 6, 2023 EC meeting. Ms. Barbara Eckblad noted the misspelling of her name. Hearing nothing further, Ms. Pauc called for a vote to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were so approved.

Financials

Ms. Janice Pauc called on Ms. Caroline Senn, Chief Financial Officer, for the presentation of the 2024 budget.

Ms. Senn stated that:

- She had submitted three budget documents for review: a summary of the budget items; a detailed budget and a general overview of revenue and expenses.
- “The overarching theme of the budget is maximizing the channeling of resources to mission through direct support of parishes, growing formation programs for youth and optimizing the utilization of funds flow from restricted investments to the programs they are intended to assist.” (Overview – Budget 2024)

An extended discussion ensued, covering:

- the role of the EC in setting the strategy of the budget
- the process for selecting ministries that get support
- the transition process

It was suggested that some of these concerns become agenda items for future EC meetings.

Since the proposal for accepting the budget to be submitted to the Convention comes from a committee, it does not need to be moved or seconded.

However, Mr. John Johnson moved and it was seconded by the Rev. Nancy Hodge that the vote be held, as discussion continued and that the vote be circulated, via e-mail, later.

After a further defining discussion, the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller called the question.

It was felt that sufficient time had been given to review the budget and contact Ms.

Senn regarding any questions.

***A vote was called that the proposed budget be accepted and submitted to the Convention, with the understanding that two items would be adjusted:

--increase of funding for the 2024 General Convention

--breakout of the Daughters of the King funds

The vote carried.

Report from the Canon to the Ordinary

Ms. Janice Pauc called on the Rev. Scott Leannah for any additions to his report in “drop box.”

The Rev. Scott Leannah said that the report spoke for itself, but added that he was feeling positive and optimistic in the midst of the changes within the diocese.

Dialogue Update

Ms. Janice Pauc called on the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller for her report.

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller stated that:

--the proposed Reunification resolution was submitted to all three dioceses

--because the same resolution will be voted on, at each Convention, special rules of order will be in place and the resolution will not be open to amendment from the floor, therefore, any feedback should be submitted by September 15th

--if the resolution is passed by the three dioceses, a special Convention will be held during Eastertide, 2024 to take a final vote on reunion

Key concerns shared:

– the length of time our diocese has not had a bishop

--the transition process

In conclusion, the Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller encouraged the members to

--attend the Town Halls and the special online, Change for the Sake of the Gospel: An Evening with Bishop Sean Rowe, Thursday the 28th

--submit feedback

A Motion

Ms. Janice Pauc brought to the Executive Council a motion proposed by the Rev. Joel Prather:

“a recommendation that the remaining balance of the Grant to the diocesan Historical Society be given to Dr. Randy Miller in appreciation for his Intimate History Series of

excellent interviews and teaching materials that is beautifully done and a timely, resource for our Diocese and the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin."

The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller offered some back-ground on the project and monies spent. Since Dr. Randy Miller is her spouse, she recused herself from any vote.

***The Rev. Scott Leannah moved that an honorarium of \$500.00, consisting of the remaining grant money and any additional money from an unrestricted fund, be given to Dr. Randy Miller for his work on the History Series. Mr. John Johnson seconded it. The motion passed with one recusal.

The Rev. Pippa Lindwright gave the closing prayer from the Compline in the New Zealand BCP.

Deacon Marge said the dismissal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 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

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.