In attendance: The Rt. Rev. John Smylie, Laura Galloway, Taimi Kuiva, Shirley Wildman, Joe Wildman, Roxanne Friday, Press Stephens, Jackie Hotle, the Rev. Carole Buckingham, the Rev. Lin Davenport, the Rev. Doug Wasinger, Wendy Owens, Dan Land via phone, Tracie Soller, Jessica Reynolds, and Kate Corbin

Excused from Attendance: the Rev. Stephen Askew, Melissa Hyde attended on Saturday.

Friday:
The Rev. Doug Wasinger provided the opening prayer.
The meeting was called to order at 1pm.

- Bishop Smylie’s Opening Remarks
  - Bishop Smylie welcomed the members.
  - Press read the minutes from the August 2015 meeting.
    - Dan moved to approve the minutes, Joe seconded. Bishop Smylie called for a vote, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.
  - Elections
    - Bishop Smylie asked Taimi and Shirley if they would be interested in continuing in their respective positions on Council. Both agreed they would. Bishop Smylie called for other nominations. There were none. It was moved to close the nominations. Bishop Smylie called for a vote to re-elect Shirley as vice president and Taimi as secretary by acclimation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
  - Update on issues around the diocese
    - Bishop Smylie noted the importance that Council members receive the e-spirit email newsletter.
    - Selling property in Fort Bridger and Hanna
      - Standing Committee has voted to sell both of these properties.
      - Another congregation in Fort Bridger is interested in the building and more information from a realtor is expected in the next couple of weeks.
      - Council discussed the buildings and what to do with the profits from the selling of the properties. There will be more discussion at our next scheduled meeting.
    - There was brief discussion regarding the Presiding Bishop Curry's response to the sanctions from the Anglican Communion.
    - Bishop Smylie shared the positive feedback from clergy regarding the liturgy from the Links relationship. Links Sunday will continue to occur on the first Sunday after Epiphany of every year.
    - The Rev. Cliff Moore resigned from Diocesan Council due to health issues. The Rev. Carole Buckingham has agreed to take his place. Bishop Smylie called for a motion to accept Cliff’s resignation with regret. Joe moved and Taimi seconded to accept Cliff’s resignation. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
  - Update on Staffing
    - The Rev. Tristan English resigned.
    - The Rev. Canon Joel Dingman is now Canon to the Ordinary.
Kate Corbin is now the Communication Liaison.
A new receptionist, Leah Shaull, has been hired and will begin work on February 1, 2016.

- Responsibilities of Council members/Regional Representatives-Canon 4
  - Bishop Smylie asked that members familiarize themselves with Canon 4.

- Financials:
  - Jessica gave an in-depth look at the Diocese’s balance sheet.
    - The next meeting will include an outline of how the MDG funds have been spent in the past so the Council may know how to give suggestions for future use.
  - Jessica went over the 2016 budget.
  - Jessica reviewed the 2015 financials.

- Report from Kate Corbin
  - Kate began working as the Communication Liaison for the Diocese at the beginning of this year.
  - Kate shared her focuses and goals for the communication position, which includes, but is not limited to media, technology, creating community, developing more lateral communication, and other communication related support for the Diocese as a whole and individual parishes.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm to be continued on Saturday morning.

**Saturday:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:50am.

- Bishop Smylie asked if there were any questions regarding the financials for the Diocese as reviewed by Jessica on Friday. There were none.

- Bishop Smylie called for a motion to approve the revised 2016 Diocesan Budget. Taimi moved and it was seconded. Bishop Smylie called for a vote, all voted in favor, and the motion carried.

- Finance Committee Report-Laura Galloway
  - Laura reviewed the canons related to the Diocesan finance committee.
  - Laura discussed a meeting among the Finance Committee members in which they discussed how the committee could be used more effectively.
    - The Finance Committee suggested that the committee itself be made up of the regional representatives, the Diocesan treasurer and the comptroller. This committee would provide an avenue for congregations to view the budget before it is presented at convention. The representatives also act as liaisons between council and the parishes. They propose that the regional representatives speak with convention delegates from churches in their region once a year to discuss and review the budget and ask for input to be brought back to Diocesan Council.
  - Laura will be the chair of the Finance Committee.
  - Council discussed communication issues between delegates, regional representatives, parishes, and clergy. They discussed solutions to those communication issues.
• Kate will write an e-spirit article about this conversation to share with the Diocese.
  ▪ Bishop Smylie entertained a motion that the Finance Committee’s suggestions become a resolution for a three year trial period. Laura read the resolution regarding the Diocesan Finance Committee.
  ▪ Taimi suggested an amendment that they are not required to meet face-to-face. Doug suggested changing the word “talk” to “communicate.” Another amendment was made to change “face-to-face” to “either electronically or in person to discuss and review the budget.”
  ▪ Laura moved to enact this as a resolution. Lin seconded.
  ▪ Carole suggested delegates be required to attend the pre-convention meeting.
  ▪ Bishop Smylie called for discussion. The group discussed appropriate means of communication.
  ▪ Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
• Regional Reports
  o Region 6-Dan Land
    ▪ Dan shared that they have received applications and are beginning to process them for their rector search.
  o Region 5- Tracie Soller
    ▪ Commended St. Paul’s, Evanston on all their work at convention.
    ▪ The Rev. Brian Nystrom was ordained last fall.
    ▪ Their high school youth did a “live” Nativity where the students walked to a barn and reenacted the Nativity.
  o Region 4- Taimi Kuiva
    ▪ St. Christopher’s, Cheyenne, has called their interim rector.
    ▪ St, Matthew’s has a new (returning) organist.
  o Region 3- Wendy Owens
    ▪ Christ Church ordained Bobbe Fitzhugh and Tom Ketner.
    ▪ St. Mark’s, Casper, has a new interim rector.
  o Region 2- The Rev. Doug Wasinger
    ▪ Working on gathering clergy and delegates to discuss needs.
  o Region 1- Shirley Wildman
    ▪ Holy Trinity, Thermopolis, is still doing meals for those in need.
    ▪ Thermopolis received a grant from the Foundation to help the community with general educational needs for younger adults.
• Upcoming Council meeting dates
  o March 17, 2016- WebEx meeting from 3-5pm
  o June 3-4, 2016 face-to-face in potentially Lander/Atlantic City. Noon to noon
  o August 9, 2016 WebEx 3-5pm
  o August 13th- pre-convention

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am

The Rev. Doug Wasinger provided the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Corbin.