In attendance: Bishop John Smylie, Joe Wildman, Shirley Wildman, the Very Rev. Stephen Askew, Laura Galloway, the Rev. Ed Farmer, the Rev. Doug Wasinger, Wendy Owens, Taimi Kuiva, Tracie Soller, Dan Land, Jackie Hotle, Melissa Hyde, the Rev. Canon Joel Dingman, Jessica Reynolds, and Kate Corbin

The Very Rev. Stephen Askew provided the opening prayer.

Bishop Smylie welcomed the group to the meeting.

Bishop Smylie called for any changes or additions to the agenda. There were none.

Approval of March Minutes
• Bishop entertained a motion. Shirley moved to approve the minutes.
• Taimi noted that the minutes are approved via email. This motion is actually the acceptance of the electronic approval, which is needed so the minutes may be released to the congregations in a more timely manner.
• Dan noted that Chancellor Peter Nicolaysen said the meeting minutes need to be approved at the meeting.
• Dan moved to accept the approved minutes. Shirley seconded. After no more discussion, Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Diocesan Building Energy Issues
• Bishop Smylie shared his thoughts on the efficiency of the Diocesan office. The electric bill for the building is excessively high. The electric heating and cooling system is the main cause of the problem.
• Dan asked if an energy audit has been done, and Jessica said that one has not been done.
• Bishop Smylie noted that he looked into solar panels. Solar panels could help alleviate 25-50% of the costs, but the payback period seemed long (over 20 years).
• Jessica will look into an energy audit.

Bishop’s Update on the Diocese
• Fort Bridger
Bishop Smylie shared that the building has been on the market for a while and there has been very little interest. The Standing Committee approved a lower asking price.

There haven’t been any changes with the building in Hanna. The museum may want the bell, but Bishop Smylie prefers it stay in the diocese if possible.

- St. Benedict’s Workshop/Seminary of the South West- Joel
  - We are contracting with them to help us develop our way forward with all of our congregations. A meeting was held about how this relationship will develop. The meeting was with John Lewis and Jane Patterson. We will give the relationship a three year trial period.
  - Joel explained the process of changes with education and formation within this relationship.
  - Bishop Smylie briefly noted some of the activities and events that will take place in the future to help develop training and education for the laity as clergy have benefited from the Iona School.
  - Joel elaborated on what St. Benedict’s Workshop is.
  - Bishop Smylie noted that the hope is that the practices will lead to a new way to make Jesus real.

- Fire at St. David’s
  - An insurance settlement was received which belongs to the diocese, because the Diocese pays the insurance and the parishes belong to the diocese. Some of the funds will be used for clean-up and the rest of the funds will be used for something new and creative in the area.

- Five Diocese Relationship and the Diocese of Kiteto
  - The four other Bishops will be coming to Wyoming in late summer of 2017. They will focus on environmental concerns in their respective dioceses. This will further the relationship.
  - Bishop Tim Stevens, former Bishop of the Diocese of Leicester will be at this year’s convention.

- Diocesan Deaneries
  - The Bishop explained the seven proposed Deaneries in the state. Some of the sites are the same as the regions, but some of them are different due to location.
  - Diocesan Council regions and representatives will remain the same at this time.

- Lin Davenport is taking a leave of absence from council, because she is working as a part time ministry developer. Ed Farmer is taking her place while she is out. Dan moved to approve. Joe seconded. There was no discussion. Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Lin will return on January 1, 2017.
• Communication Report- Kate
  o eSpirit sign-ups
  o Call for more stories from parishes
  o Neighbor to Neighbor BBQ – this was a great way to get to know others in the area
  o WebEx – 11 sites will be testing to ensure connectivity for the preconvention meeting on August 13th.

Audit Report from McGee, Hearne and Paiz, LLP
• Jessica introduced Nola of the audit firm.
• Nola reviewed opinions of the audit firm.
• Nola noted that the audit is clean.
• Nola reviewed the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015
• Jessica explained her opinions on the audit firm.
• After giving Council an evening to consider, the group was asked to decide what to do with the audit firm. Laura moved to hire them for three years with the caveats that there are no trainees assigned to our audits and there is a more direct examination of Jessica’s work. Tracie seconded. Bishop Smylie called for discussion. They would be paid $20,000 annually instead of the $25,000 due to the three-year contract. Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

DA Davidson
• Susan Ponce introduced herself to the group. She is the financial advisor at DA Davidson.
• Susie reviewed the investment portfolio held at DA Davidson.

Episcopal Church Women- Melissa Hyde
• Melissa has been planning for the 2017 spring conference.
• Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms will be speaking at the conference.
• Melissa shared a video about Thistle Farms.

3:15-4:30 Regional Reports
• Region 1- Shirley Wildman
  o Christ Church, Cody, is working on poverty related ministry.
  o TAC has been busy this summer. They have several workshops and events planned for the rest of the year.
  o St. Andrew’s, Meeteetse, is looking forward to finding a good outcome with the changes in mutual ministry.
  o Holy Trinity, Thermopolis, held a vacation Bible school this summer.
St. Andrew’s, Basin, Neat Repeat thrift store won an award for their work.
St. Alban’s is still doing the thrift store, although they are in need of volunteers.
They are going to have an end of summer picnic, which is multidenominational.

**Region 2- The Rev. Doug Wasinger**
- They had a face-to-face meeting at the end of April.
- The Rev. Tom Fiske is on sabbatical in New Zealand. Doug chats with the Rev. John Inserra regularly.
- St. Luke’s food pantry is doing well and able to meet the needs of the community.
- St. Peter’s, Sheridan, is doing well and looking to do preaching workshops.

**Region 3- Wendy Owens**
- Christ Church, Douglas, hosted a spiritual retreat on Casper Mountain.
- The Rev. Brian Gross gave a presentation about the Belonging to God displays at convention.
- The churches are working together on things and will have a tri-parish Eucharist in August.
- Temple Heatherly and Wendy are continuing on their ordination process.

**Region 4- Taimi Kuiva**
- Taimi and Dick Naumann will be traveling to share about Belonging to God with their region’s parishes.
- The Deacon’s Ordination was superb.
- St. Mark’s, Cheyenne is moving ahead on the ministries they have and things are good.
- St. Matthew’s, Laramie, is working on a Diocesan quilt, and is in the first stages of becoming a Family Promise site. Canterbury House has completed their renovation and give thanks to the Diocese for their support.
- Medicine Bow is mostly working on building upkeep.

**Region 5- Tracie Soller**
- There are many events taking place this summer to engage the communities.
- Holy Communion will be hosting THE BRIDGE project.

**Region 6- Dan Land**
- Trinity, Lander, is hosting a pastoral ministry retreat.
- The First Step Help Center is open in Lander.
- St. Thomas’, Dubois, sewer replacement is complete. Their food bank is doing well.
- They will host an end of life workshop.
- St. John’s, Jackson, has found a rector. His first service will be the 6th of August.

Disaster Relief Coordinator- Joel
• The Rev. Tom Fiske is the coordinator for the Diocese, but is unable to give the report due to his sabbatical absence.

• Joel reported that Tom is on VOAD board (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). VOAD organizes all the organizations involved in responding to a disaster.

• Tom would like to establish a network around the Diocese to help move things along faster in the event of a disaster. He suggested the regional representatives be the disaster representatives. Tom has put forth a resolution for council.

• The topic will be discussed further at the meeting after next, but the Council will need to think of people in their regions who would make good representatives.

Saturday:

Bishop Smylie asked the group to consider how what we do here affects those living in poverty.

Financial Reports

• May 2016 Financials
  o Jessica explained the financials (income and expenses) as of May 2016
  o Joel explained the certificate program for ministry developers. Funds had been budgeted for training for ministry developers, but with the change in mutual ministry the funds will not be used for that purpose, but will be used for other formation projects such as Laity Dream Days.
  o The group agreed it was okay to get rid of the red.
  o Jessica recommended the insurance funds from the fire at St. David’s Shoshone Mission be added to the Edith May Adams funds for the reservation. Jessica asked the Council what they thought.
  o Dan moved and Shirley seconded to have the insurance funds moved into the Edith May Adams account, but have its own line titled St. David’s Memorial. The funds would be unrestricted. Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.
  o Wendy moved to accept the financial report. Dan seconded. Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

• Missing Audit and Assessments
  o Jessica noted the parishes that are behind on submitting their parochial reports. This will affect their ability to vote at convention as well as receiving a grant from the Foundation.
  o Ministry Developers (Deans?) and Regional Reps will be copied on correspondence to parishes in arrears for the next 6 months.

2017 Budget

• Jessica reviewed the budget extensively.
• Dan moved to recommend the budget to convention. Joe seconded. Bishop Smylie called for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Stephen provided the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Corbin.