The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming
Diocesan Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Zoom


The Rev. Doug Wasinger provided an opening prayer.

Bishop Smylie welcomed the group to the meeting and called for any changes or addition to the agenda, there were none. Joe moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Jim 2nd. No further discussion, motion carried.

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Bobbe Fitzhugh, our new Missioner for Fresh Expressions of Church and Communications. Bishop gave an update on Ed Farmer.

**HR Camp:**
Joel gave an update on HR Camp and a possible lease agreement with A Man and A Mountain Ministries. It was noted that there are still regions that have not yet visited HR camp or had time to discern their hopes or dreams for HR Camp. Joe moved to continue to explore all of our options and invest (assumption of $30,000.00) money back into camp for the necessary repairs to possibly lease in the future. Jim 2nd. John will disseminate his thoughts into written form and submit them to the Council. No further discussion, motion carried.

**Communication:**
Bobbe gave a report on the Communication Survey results. She shared the highlights of the report and stated that from the report a communication strategy will be developed.

**Convocation:**
Joel and Jessica reported that the Diocesan office is currently planning a Convocation. This Convocation will be a gathering for families, couples, singles, etc., for a convention with no business. There will be a Youth Dream Day with the Bishop for all youth that attend the Convocation. The convocation is scheduled for August 17th-19th at Thunderhead Episcopal Camp.

**Financials:**
Jessica reported on the February financials and everything is inline and on track. John moved to receive financials. Shirley 2nd. No further discussion, motion carried.
Jessica gave an audit update. The auditors are currently in the building and the report should be ready for the June council meeting. The Financial report is consolidated with that of the Foundation so a report will be given to both boards at the same time.

Jessica asked the Council for their input in the preparation of the 2019 budget. The board discussed the 2019 process and decided that at the June meeting they would like to have a draft budget ready to discuss. All budget suggestions should be sent to Jessica. After the June meeting the regional reps will distribute the budget to congregations in their regions so they have time to review the budget prior to the Pre-Convention meetings.

The Bishop informed the Council about the RFP for investment managers is in the process happening currently for the Foundation.

Regional Reports:
Region 6 – Melinda from St. Thomas’, Dubois is still on sabbatical and Walt is filling in. Our Father’s House, Ethete and other representatives from the Region gathered to brainstorm ideas to get the First Stop Help Center in Ethete up and going.

Region 4 – A Dream Day for Laity will be held in Rawlins on March 24th for those parishes that were unable to attend the Dream Day for Region 4 in Cheyenne last year. It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of Ida Rounds and that her service will be in April.

Region 3 – There was a Deacons Symposium in Casper recently and it was very informative. There was recently a Baptismal Class held at St. Mark’s, Casper.

Region 2 – St. Luke’s, Buffalo is almost done with their kitchen update. The Convention committee in Gillette has been hard at work for the upcoming 2018 Convention.

Region 1 – The ladies retreat in Powell was a huge success, with a total of 36 women representing every church in the deanery. It is also with sadness that we have to report the passing of Daphne Grimes.

The date for next Council meeting is June 15-16. This meeting will take place in either Casper or Lander.

The Rev. Doug Wasinger provided a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Genie Easton