



**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Saturday, May 9, 2015 – 09:00 AM – 12:00 noon
Trinity Church Oxford
6901 Rising Sun Ave – Philadelphia PA 19111
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Attendance (by Deanery)

Rt Rev Clifton Daniel 3rd

Brandywine Deanery – Rev Carolyn Huff, Terri Connelly

Bucks Deanery – Rev Ernest Curtin, Dave Dixon, William Atkinson

Delaware Deanery – Janet Ross

Merion Deanery – Richard Bauer, George Vosburgh

Montgomery Deanery – Elise Bowers, Joseph Madison

Pennypack Deanery – Rev Richard Robyn, Peter Datos, Dr. Carole Baxter

Schuylkill Deanery – Rev Angelo Wildgoose, William Berry

Southwark Deanery – Rev D Joy Segal, Jeanette Woehr, Peggy Hatch

Valley Forge Deanery – Mary McGinn, Beverly Loftus

Wissahickon Deanery – Rev Emmanuel Mercer, R Muriel Rains

James Pope, Treasurer; Rev Canon Nancy Deming, Congregational Care & Development; Jerome G Buescher, Secretary

AGENDA

How will what we do or say here today affect the lives of those living in poverty?

1. Call to Order
09:04 AM

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

2. Host – Welcome, info about venue *(10 minutes)*

The Rev. Richard Robyn

Scripture Reflection and Opening Prayer *(10 minutes)*

Rev Richard Robyn is the 31st rector. Long-tenure rector was Rev Buchanan, youngest brother of the US president. Record of service of Church of England being held here in 1698. Trinity Oxford is a “donation church,” given to Diocese after schism among Quakers. Long history, church wants to move ahead. Currently re-developing property, changing priorities, to make use of property to further other missions.

Scripture – From Sunday’s readings, Acts 10. Speaks of Spirit being poured out even onto Gentiles – amazing to Peter’s circumcised companions. Rev Robyn – what we’re about is finding new disciples. Peter’s companions were shocked, we can be shocked also, about whom God is calling. How can God love “those people”? God’s love not something to be hoarded, but something to be shared, given away. Prayer – God by whom the meek are guided, give us grace to ask what you would have us do. Amen.

3. Opening of the meeting *(5 minutes)*

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

- a. Welcome - recognition and introduction of visitors – Mr. Arthur Sudler, delegation from St. Paul’s Cheltenham (later)
- b. Adoption of the agenda – move, seconded, approved. Agenda adopted.

4. Minutes of the March 28, 2015 meeting of Diocesan Council (*5 minutes*) Jerome Buescher, Secretary
A motion to accept the minutes as submitted was made, seconded, and approved. Minutes accepted.
5. Bishop's Report (*30 minutes*) The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd
Farewell at St. James, Andrew Kellner. Thanks for his ministry, shining star in missional life of diocese.
New director, Andrew Kuhn, taking on duties.
Meeting around diocese with Deans, last month met at St. Mark Frankford.
Bishop is a member of Committee No 5 – structure & governance
Remarks re general convention
... Presiding bishop, marriage canons, structure of church – undoubtedly issues taking a great deal of convention's time
Joy – nominations from floor. Bishop – yes but have to go thru same vetting process.
Request from St. James School – scholarship Sunday proposal. Janet Ross, Christ church, adopted St. James graduating class, will gift students (but not scholarships). Bishop question – is it Council's pleasure to endorse setting aside a Sunday to solicit diocesan funds for such scholarships. Question – total amount sought, how distributed? Question – more logistics. Joy – they're asking us to agree to designate a Sunday, they'll handle details. George Vosburgh – ask David (Head of School) about details. Question – invite spokesperson to 20 Jun 2015 diocesan council meeting? Question called. Motion to end debates – passed, not unanimous. Motion to designate day – approved (not unanimous). Richard Bauer – ask Head of School or someone to next diocesan council meeting to talk about whole plan for support of St. James.
- Fire for mission, Chester, may 30 – sign up online
6. Report from DC Committee on Missional Goals (*15 minutes*) Peggy Hatch
- a. Identifying DC recommendations of diocesan missional goals
Peggy repeated written material – William Atkinson: DC needs to develop own goals regarding priorities to spend limited diocesan funds. Peggy Hatch: other issues, role of deaneries. Troubled parishes. Deacons. College chaplaincies issues. Fire for mission – Chester, Darby. Communications issues. New: diocesan staffing, skills and size. Striving for social justice – anti-human trafficking, anti-racism commission. Hispanic community outreach, interfaith activity. Create opportunity for faith formation & fostering within diocese.
 - b. Discussion
Above is what DC is submitting. Other groups will do theirs. DC will consolidate all responses, return consolidated report back to bishop, and back to DC.

Move to accept report, seconded, approved. Copy to Bishop.
7. Presentation of Proposed Resolution supporting new Feast Day on Episcopal Calendar (*15 minutes*) Arthur Sudler
- a. Documentation (in packet) – The Rev. Peter Williams Cassey, Anna Besant Cassey and Henrietta Lockwood

Arthur Sudler speaking, from St Simon Cyrenean. Spoke about issues (from material).
 - b. Questions/discussions

DC is convention between conventions – that's why we're here. Hence presentation of this issue.

Moved, seconded. Discussion – a “memorial” is a document to general convention. Call question. Passed. Secretary – need to send to general convention. Decision – send to head of deputation to convention.

8. Executive Committee Report (15 minutes)

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

- a. Resolution regarding St. Paul's, Elkins Park approved at March 2015 DC meeting (in packet)

See approved resolution.

- b. Diocesan Council Committee participation and responsibilities:

- i. Review/discussion of committee volunteer opportunities and DC coverage.

Rev Angelo Wildgoose – would like to be informed of meetings of diocesan committees. Suggestion: contact head of committee in which person is interested, ask to be informed. Larger issue – institute posting of such items on DIOPA.org.

- ii. Thoughts on possibilities for new committees. – Goals subcommittee was an ad-hoc committee, not new committee.

- c. Discussion of Diocesan Budget – Diocesan Council line item request; funding of programs.

Bill Atkinson – 2016 budget process: finance committee views role as counting conservative tally of income and matching with project requests. Requests for 2016 – \$350M for items never funded before. What may happen – finance committee may ask convention about what to do if more income comes in, maybe let DC do that. Truth: assessment will go up because episcopate budget going up (new offices, need to be funded). May be that DC may need to put own resolutions before convention, beyond what finance committee proposes. Joe Madison – never know during year status of closed churches funding. Also – look to church foundation about non-functional trusts that need to be re-purposed.

- d. Schedule of Diocesan Council meetings for 2015 - **June 20th**, September 19th, November 14th.

9. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)

Mr. James Pope, Treasurer

Through end of March, income a little higher than projections, but tends to be front loaded. Running high on church house expense items (moving, set up, etc.). Cash position is OK but always needs watching. Budget – income doesn't support ambition; how to deal with that? Joe Madison – is need to replace key people [pending retirements] finance people being dealt with? Rev Ernest Curtin – is there a document that sets the disbursement policy? Answer –Yes. Reminder – Church Foundation is a corporation, diocese is not. That can be changed – take funds from church house, put them with another trustee. Peggy Hatch – mission parish money, what is that for? Is there another way to do this? Elise Bowers – “doing the math” – can that be shared? James Pope – yes but can't commit to doing it by 20 June 2015 (next meeting). Mary McGinn – is investment philosophy visible to us. James Pope: Can be sent to DC for packet distribution – not sure when.

10. Standing Committee Report (10 minutes)

Paul Yaros

Clear – response to request was not “sorry.” It's that Standing Committee has no direct control of funds. Bishop – money resides with Council. Joy – that's why Bill Atkinson noted that DC may need to submit own resolutions to convention. Expressed support for energy of new ministries and programs. SC sets episcopal assessment – has to increase. Will see at 20 Jun 15 meeting. SC needs to assent to episcopal elections. Carole Baxter – what went on with announced change at Cathedral Village? CV wanted to enter agreement with Presbyterian group to better survive. Joe Madison – CV at initial charter had provision for care of retired clergy; what's status now? Pope and Huff – still exists, still maintained.

11. Committee Reports (oral and written) (10 minutes)

Oral reports – none presented.

12. Presentation – St. Paul’s, Elkins Park Project (10 minutes)

The Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid and Committee

a. Presentation and discussion of 1st Resolution requesting support from DC (in packet)

Asked to submit budget – see brochure

Asked for what sent to individual churches regarding request for support – see brochure

b. Questions/discussion

Resolution – moved, seconded. Discussion – SC can’t allocate funds to DC but has access to grants for other purposes. Joe Madison – change wording in resolution to “historic display.” Change wording to “that finance committee” “and bishop” approve money. Also add “church foundation.” Elise Bowers – change resolution to “unrestricted assets of diocese.” Paul Yaros – only Finance Committee can re-allocate funds between conventions, resolution needs to go there.

Original motion withdrawn (Rev Ernest Curtin)

Resolved: that Finance Committee or Bishop grant from their unrestricted funds \$12.5 K ...
Joe Madison moves, seconded, approved – 1 opposed, 2 abstentions.

13. New Business – Bishop Search Committee (20 minutes)

R Muriel Rains

Muriel: URLs for general survey and leadership survey.
General – www.diopabishopsearch.com
Leadership – www.surveymonkey.com/s/FPDiocesePA

14. Old Business

None

15. Schedule of next meeting

Jerome Buescher, Secretary

(June 20, 2015 – Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli)

16. Reflections (10 minutes)

Appreciation for biblical and theological insights – Ernest Curtin

17. Closing Prayer

St. Francis Prayer

Peter Datos

18. Adjournment

12:20

The Rev. D. Joy Segal