



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Saturday, June 20, 2015 – 09:00 AM – 12:00 noon
Church of the Good Samaritan
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AGENDA

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

1. Call to Order The Rev. D. Joy Segal
09:00 AM
2. Host – Welcome, info re. venue *(10 minutes)* The Rev. Carolyn Huff
Welcome. Rector Richard Morgan at CREDO – attending wellness meeting for clergy.

Good Samaritan goes back about 145 years, 1870. Inn, Paoli Inn, rector of Good Shepherd Rosemont, began services here. 1876 – donation of tract of land. Built copy of Good Samaritan in England. History – reaching out to community and world, proud of that and celebrate that. Currently operates day school, 240 students.

Scripture Reflection and Opening Prayer *(10 minutes)*

Summer – sermon series on parables of Jesus. One is prodigal son. Evangelical side, scripture is important. Read parable – in key of F – Carolyn – reminds her of her blessings frittered away. Be aware, be grateful. Prayer for guidance.

Bathrooms – by stairs. Boxes of books in hallways – sorted by topic. Take any you'd like.

3. Opening of the meeting *(5 minutes)* The Rev. D. Joy Segal
 - a. Welcome - recognition and introduction of visitors
Eric Rabe, finance comm; Liz Colton, education; people from St. James; Deborah, SC;
 - b. Adoption of the agenda
Moved, seconded, passed.

4. Minutes of the May 9, 2015 meeting of Diocesan Council *(5 minutes)* Jerome Buescher, Secretary
Page 3 – Change amount “\$350M” to “\$350K.”
Moved, seconded, adjusted, passed.

5. Presentation – St. James School proposal – Scholarship Sunday *(15 minutes)* David Kasievich
Joined by Kevin Todd, director of HS placement. Proposal for scholarship Sunday – prepare students to attend competitive high schools. Questions, requests for information

Joe Madison – status of school: Answer: at full capacity (60 students), grades 5-7, grad first class, 10, who now are ready to attend high school.

Joy, recapping purpose of presentation: a request for a Sunday to seek support; can have details about what is being sought, please.

Kevin Todd – distributing graduate support funding proposals. Goal – find best fit for each student. See the distributed handout sheet. Most comparable schools have some sort of high school scholarship support, those that don't wish they did. Four year projection – about \$125K, annually. Starting a St James fund. Bishop – if raise more this year than needed, excess will be saved toward further years. Bauer – how will this be linked to congregations? Consideration to asking for even small pledges to this end? Answer – yes, flexible about options, flexible about sending representatives to parishes. Episcopal academy – are they participating? Yes, but transportation problems and low level of support. Does St. James consider itself an episcopal school? Yes.

Conclusion: Let St. James suggest date or dates, parishes have freedom to change to meet local circumstances.

Proposal: Diocesan Council to endorse proposal to establish scholarship Sunday. [Bishop – St James is a good example of how diocese must proceed in terms of “outreach” in the future – creating partnerships. Holding this up as excellent example.] Vosburgh –St. James can be counted on to provide prep and materials.

Point from floor regarding diocesan organization and structure: Original resolution amended to add “pending finance committee review and recommendation”

Moved, seconded, amended, passed

6. Presentation from The Diocesan Continuing Education Committee (10 minutes) The Rev. Elizabeth Colton

Rev Colton chairs diocesan continuing education committee. Get word out about fund and its usefulness.

Continuing education – look on DIOPA.org url, find “programs,” find “continuing education,” get guidelines and form. Read guidelines; failure to follow guidelines delays process. Generally: individual requesting continuing education funds contributes 1/3, parish contributes another 1/3, committee can contribute final 1/3. Contribution levels can be and often are tweaked. Guidelines were distributed. Activities approved mostly educational activities (i.e., not “mission trips”). Doesn't fund degree or certificate programs. Rev Colton – ask people to be conscious of stewardship – watch distance when possible, maintain and submit receipts for payments in cash.

Amounts less than \$500 can be approved between quarterly meetings.

Sabbatical – up to \$10K, can be used to cover supply clergy. Supply and demand about availability of funding. Have funded sabbatical for church lay person in certain circumstances.

Question: source of continuing education committee funding is the Newland Fund, not an item in annual budget.

7. Presentation of the Diocesan Budget for 2016 (45 minutes) Eric Rabe, The Rev. Kirk Berlenbach

How budgets are done is changing. Goal – as much as possible, show where money is going, what programs are being supported, to be not only transparent but comprehensive. Drivers of increased expenses – staff line, requests for more and better support; funded outside budget last year, brought into budget this year. Church house – there's revenue from invested funds of proceeds from sale of 4th and Locust. Church Foundation charges fees. Church foundation has figure for payout from investments – and that's under discussion.

Line 100 – purpose. Rabe – poor first step but step. Idea: being looked at – “grants”

Kirk – Line 10 – designation of funds changed for future. Not spending all of unspent accrued in order to handle future needs in 2017.

Gist – net increase to parishes, everything said and done, is \$125K, not \$315K as shown.

Question – discrepancy between budget requests and budget grants for ministries and congregations. This is an area where DC might get increased responsibility.

Suppose: we want to spend \$100K to fund a ministry in Norristown. Can the bishop and Standing Committee do this? Yes. Would it be wise?

Proposal – to propose reasonable rent for church foundation. To Bishop and finance committee

Proposed, seconded, passed (1 abstention)

- a. Discussion of response from Finance Committee for funds from St. Paul's Elkins Park (attached)
- b. Discussion of request/response for funds for Diocesan Council
- c. Discussion of Diocesan Council's view of funding for the future

8. Bishop's Report (30 minutes)

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

1. Ordinations at Cathedral

2. Graduation at Church Farm, Convention

3. General Convention – elect new presiding bishop, proposed rewriting of marriage canons, proposed restructuring of episcopal church – become more agile, more flexible, etc. Bishop will be chair of committee that handles this restructuring. Richard Bauer – proposal for document from DIOPA to church in Charleston about their grace and forgiveness. Bishop – thinks it would be great to have it come from DC to Emanuel Church in Charleston. Elise Bowers, Richard Bauer, George Vosburgh will draft. Will set deadline.

Special meeting – all four dates, Doodle poll to everyone, all Saturdays in August – 10 AM – 4:00 PM, possibly

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9. Executive Committee Report (10 minutes)

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

- a. Diocesan Council Committee participation and responsibilities:
 - i. Review/discussion of committee volunteer opportunities and DC coverage.
 - ii. Thoughts on possibilities for new committees.
- b. Schedule of Diocesan Council meetings for 2015 - September 19th, November 14th.

In packet – material from Cutler regarding anti-racism. Change in speaker – Rev John Midwood for Rev Ledlie Laughlin

Please save date.

Attachments from St Mary Chester – here as reminder about things that people in diocese are trying to do. Frustration. Need to fix this whole situation as a diocese.

10. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)

Mr. James Pope, Treasurer

Material covered under budget topic. End of May, slightly ahead of last year in terms of pledges. Cash picture is OK except for closed-church fund; need to close quickly at least one of pending sales. Audit is nearly complete, on better schedule than in recent memory; no significant issues on horizon.

11. Standing Committee Report (10 minutes)

Issues being dealt with – short difficult petition process to add candidates for bishop. Will be published this fall.

Resolution for this convention – to incorporate the diocese, then spend 1-2 years altering governance to reflect that incorporation.

Elise Bowers – “Wisdom of incorporation” – at point to begin process of investigating.

Expectation – profile for new bishop by July.

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

Nominating committee –

Finance Committee regarding St Pauls, already dealt with

Oral – antiracism committee, George Vosburgh: has become more vibrant and urgent; working on doing anti-racism training (modules totaling 16 hrs, can be done locally and in different places). Mandated by national canons, not being observed here.

Bp’s revolving loan fund – asking loan of \$35K for boiler renewal. 4%, up to 5 years.

Motion: Diocesan Council to consent to \$35K project, boiler conversion project, St. Simon Cyrenian.

Seconded discussed, passed (one abstention).

Committee report via Joy – Diocesan Council nominating committee for Diocesan Council executive committee: Joe Madison, Dave Dixon. Needs to work in September.

13. Old Business

14. Schedule of next meeting

Jerome Buescher, Secretary

special meeting in August – via Doodle

(September 19, 2015 – St. David’s, Wayne)

15. Reflections (10 minutes)

Each of us should think of things to discuss at September meeting

Joy – once date for special meeting is set, resend DC conclusions, ask for other groups’ work to send also.

Communication – Dave Dixon: St Paul issue shows lack of communication, lack of ability to access DIOPA committee information.

16. Closing Prayer

Terri Connelly

Prayer for ability to take work today into community.

17. Adjournment – 12:00 noon

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

the work of The Very Reverend Jon Clodfelter and Deacon, Donna Lima-Monterio on the streets of Philadelphia.

A resolution has been presented asking the fall convention to make our committee a commission.