



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9AM-Noon
St. Mary's, Hamilton Village (*Schuylkill Deanery*)
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Minutes

Attendance

Bishop: Rt Rev Daniel GP Gutierrez

Brandywine deanery: Jeff Dean, Elizabeth Curtis Swain

Bucks deanery: Rev Marlee Norton, Dave Dixon, George Pollitt

Delaware deanery: Rev Marjorie Oughton, Janet Ross

Merion deanery: Rev David Romanik, Stephen Krouse, Christopher Hart

Montgomery deanery: Rev Mike Rau, Joseph Madison, Warren Wanlund

Pennypack deanery: Rev Richard Robyn, Peter Datos

Schuylkill deanery: Rev Maricclair Partee Carlsen, Pattie Davis, Renae Rutherford Lowe

Southwark deanery: Rev D Joy Segal, Jeanette Woehr, Peggy Hatch

Valley Forge deanery: Beverly Loftus, Mary McGinn

Wissahickon deanery: Rev Emmanuel Mercer, Helen Zartarian

Mary Kohart, Chancellor; James Pope, Treasurer; Rev Canon Shawn Wamsley, Canon to Ordinary;

Jerome G Buescher, Secretary

For the Darby Project: Rev Doris Rajagopal, David Griffith

Celebration of Holy Communion (20 minutes)

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, President

(Transition to meeting - 5 minutes)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
09:41 AM

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez

2. Host – Welcome (10 minutes)

The Rev. Maricclair Partee Carlsen

- a. Information about Parish and Community

Founded 1824, deeded from the Hamilton family. Last vestige of Hamilton Village. Close relation with the University of Pennsylvania that totally encompasses the parish buildings. The Rector is the Episcopal chaplain of the university. The parish has a long history of social action.

- b. Opening Prayer

3. Opening of the meeting (5 minutes)

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, President

- a. Welcome to members, diocesan staff, and introductions

Members of Diocesan Council: Margaret Oughton, Deacon, St Paul Chester, Delaware deanery; Janet Ross, Delaware deanery; Renae Rutherford Lowe, Schuylkill deanery.

The Rev Doris Rajagopal and David Griffith, both on behalf of the Darby Ministry Project.

b. Recognition of Visitors

Intro of Mary Kohart, Chancellor. Intro Rev Shawn Wamsley, Canon to the Ordinary. His cell phone number is 505-385-1757. The bishop asked that his cell phone number be shared as well: 505-263-8285

- c. Adoption of the agenda. Adopted with a change – Mary Kohart will present early in the meeting so she can be excused.

4. Minutes of the June 18, 2016 meeting of Diocesan Council (*5 minutes*) Jerome Buescher, Secretary
Approval of the minutes as submitted was moved, seconded, and they were accepted.

5. Mary Kohart. Report re resolution toward incorporation. Over past year, the committee has developed a chart regarding how other dioceses arrange under incorporation. Has interviewed all previous bishops. Stalled at that point. Decision: table until Bishop Gutierrez arrived for his input. Where project is at this time: over winter, develop outline for how to proceed, make public. What are options. Small group to outline, large group to work out. Mary's caution: don't weld new layer onto present organization. Look at it "from the beginning." Will be report at convention. Bishop Gutierrez – important decision to him, part of being able to do mission. No secrets, look at website to see what's going on. Questions: Mary McGinn – did you find any good models? Answer: No, we need to do our own. Joy: what happens to Church foundation. Mary: not elephant in room but important policy decision. Challenge – extent to which diocese controls its own money. Bishop Gutierrez – working closely with Alan Lindsay and his staff. Joe Madison: two years ago question on incorporation was raised; question: has the diocese looked at bad incorporation decisions, e.g., Los Angeles?

Bishop Gutierrez – change narrative here: we are one diocese, no rich no poor, no suburban no urban. Sharing, not autocratic.

6. Bishop's Report (*30 minutes*) The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez

Thanks to everyone. Joyful time for him. Care for clergy – if clergy not helpful that's a problem. Pilgrimage – important, lost art of listening. Story: asking staff what is their purpose. Received lemur look. Then suggested: serve people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Promptness of e-mail and phone return. Written procedure for replacing clergy. Ministry team being reformed. Deanery/diocese calendar. App for facilitating contact – <http://www.diopa.org/diopaconnect/>. Emphasis on small and struggling churches. We're not closing churches as a principle. Let's look at this, community development, whatever it takes. "We have best message in world – Jesus Christ." Promise: in 5 years this will be the diocese everyone looks to. Best priests into congregations that need them. Missions – look at them, what are they doing, how is it progressing, over a 5 year period. Great Diocese of Pennsylvania – lets tell a new story.

Misses his family, sees them every 5 weeks or so.

If things aren't right, tell him. He's not punitive just wants to make things right.

Marlee: exhausted struggling congregations, may need to close churches. Bishop Gutierrez – people exhausted by doing too much management stuff. We need to use resources to handle that, let congregations do what's needed for growth and progress.

7. Report from Bishop Transition Team (10 minutes)

George Vosburgh

Rev D Joy Segal – still on agenda because Bishop Gutierrez not settled yet. George – recounted history of selection process.

Part of discernment – tour of diocese with significant stops, which were hard to determine.

8. Presentation/Update: The Darby Mission (20 minutes)

The Rev. Doris Rajagopal

Darby Project Mission. Update: well into 2nd year. Continuing dinners, 90-100 attendees. Started 1 of 2 afterschool programs. 30 kids each place, willing to grow. Waiting list. Computer lab running, UTO grant. Request for more advanced classes. Helping with GED program. Found place to start spiritual life place. Will let group decide how that should go. Community garden this season. Two weeks of summer camp.

Request for summary of the Darby Mission project from Rev. Rajagopal: church moved, then closed. Doris thought Episcopal presence should not go away. This project deals with people who've never been to church. Have had promises made but didn't work out. Initial police attitude cautious. In August, Mission was invited "in."

Dave Griffith – joint venture between diocese and ECS. A model that can be taken to other communities. Bishop Gutierrez – ECS is part of diocese, meets regularly with them.

Rev D Joy Segal question: about grant from national church. Doris hopeful. Bishop Gutierrez – discussion at house of bishops meeting (also good news).

Joe Madison – talked about need for storefront church. Bishop Gutierrez, Doris – not now but up for discussion when time is right.

Rutherford – trying to build sense of pride and accomplishment at her church. Bishop Gutierrez – Andrew Kuhn will come & help you within 2 weeks.

Rev D Joy Segal – looking for volunteers, some resources. Bishop Gutierrez – will be beefed up.

9. Presentation from The Global Mission Commission (20 minutes)

Representative from GMC

Rev Koshy Matthews: Passed at convention, now functional GMC (but developing). Global – wherever peoples' rights are denied. All cross-border mission work consolidated here. Some accomplishments:

Thoughts about role – 1st impartial clearing house for efforts. Asking parishes to provide information about whatever mission activities they have. Mutual, Christ-like-love

Chris Bishop: Several points: database, populated via survey monkey, poor response. Encourage prayer and outward expression Organize collective wisdom within Diocese of Pennsylvania. Implement Diocese of Pennsylvania effort on global mission.

Pam Faber – questionnaire: 31 responses. Key: Diocese of Pennsylvania recognition of effort, clearing house for efforts.

Eric Frankhouser – Looking at goals, how make them happen. Survey: sharing information is a big piece. Information Technology can help here, good fit. Looking at ways to do this: show changing, non-changing information can be maintained manually without much effort. Limited value. Dynamic information much more valuable, but needs to be handled dynamically. Automatic sharing – dynamic data – not manual effort, which is too unwieldy. Need

automated methods. Can't foresee all needs for data, so must be stored in way that permits rework, reuse. See video on Parkesburg pilgrimage. Daily/weekly prayer/worship material to be sent. Training and development of mission leaders. Return-on-investment issues before development. Cost is an issue – costs for all this. Can't do all of this with volunteers. Rev D Joy Segal – loss of Diocese of Pennsylvania funding for mission trips. Joe Madison – need to share information via Diocese of Pennsylvania.org/ website. Bishop Gutierrez – will be done.

10. Presentation/Update from Pledging/Marketing ad hoc committee (15 minutes)

Dave Dixon

Ad hoc committee after last DC meeting. A brief slide presentation was used to make the Committee's points.

Rev Richard Robyn – need to deal with the “lone ranger” syndrome. Rev Marclair Partee Carlsen – also alluded to instances of the bunker mentality. Rev Marlee Norton – “top down” approach frustrates parishes. Bishop Gutierrez – we're working on that.

Peter Datos – distributed sets of handouts with current parish pledging data. The materials were subsequently distributed by e-mail to Council members. Bishop Gutierrez – useful, will use at clericus meetings.

Rev D Joy Segal – ad hoc communications committee – where is it, what next if anything?

11. Executive Committee Report (10 minutes)

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

- a. Plans and suggestions for future presentations to Diocesan Council
 - i. Communications – Diocesan Staff – may be too soon, may not be needed. Tabled for now.
 - ii. Latino/Hispanic Ministry Committee—need input from this group
- b. Committees & Commissions represented on Diocesan Council

Need to form subcommittee for nominations. Jerome Buescher will supply lists of current members but subcommittee will need to find out who's coming onto Diocesan Council.

- i. DC Nominating Committee needed for candidates for November DC elections
 - 1. Election to Executive Committee – 2 lay, 2 clergy
 - 2. Election to CCCEB – 1 lay, 1 clergy
- ii. Appointment to Finance Committee – 1 lay, 1 clergy

Nominating committee – Elizabeth Curtis Swain, Joe Madison, Rev Emmanuel Mercer

- c. Schedule of Diocesan Council meetings remaining for 2016
November 12th. (Diocesan Convention: Nov 4 & 5, 2016)

Janet Ross & Christopher Hart – still unfilled Diocese of Pennsylvania slots, one week deadline for that.

Bishop Gutierrez – two weeks submission date for materials, get it here so we come to discuss not read.

12. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)

Mr. James Pope, Treasurer

The Diocese's financial position is about \$230K over previous year.

Canon Rob Rogers retiring at end of month has guided through tough decade. Propose large vote of confidence and appreciation from DC. That proposal was passed by unanimous affirmation.

13. Standing Committee Report (5 minutes)

George Vosburgh

Four things: (1) Standing Committee appreciates new method and format for doing reports. (2) Search and transition committees did great job. (3) Minutes & actions from SC have been distributed, ask questions. (4) Retreat in August with Standing Committee was great and will help with Standing Committee's ongoing work.

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

George Vosburgh – Anti-Racism Commission is ready & able to send coordinators for parish anti-racism events.

From Peter Datos – information about parish pledging distributed at meeting and subsequently distributed by e-mail to Council members.

15. Old business

Thanks for Rev D Joy Segal for her work as Vice-Chair of Executive Committee.

Diocesan Council was asked to accept as submitted the document: DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA PROTOCOL FOR A SEARCH PROCESS IN MISSIONS AND PARISHES

The proposal was moved, seconded, and accepted.

16. Schedule of next meeting

Jerome Buescher, Secretary

(November 12, 2016 – Philadelphia Cathedral)

17. Reflections (5 minutes)

Janet Ross – enjoys Bishop Gutierrez's voyage through diocese. Janet extended an Invitation to ECC (Episcopal Church Club) functions. ECC gives \$26,00 per year to seminarians to help with their support. Bishop Gutierrez will speak at the next ECC luncheon. Fee for the luncheon is \$35, and ECC's website URL is <http://www.episcopalchurchclub.org/>

18. Closing Prayer

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

19. Adjournment

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez

12:10 PM