



**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Saturday, Saturday 22 Nov 2014, 09:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Philadelphia Cathedral**

MINUTES

Attendance (by Deanery)

Rt. Rev Clifford Daniel, 3rd – Bishop

Brandywine Deanery – Rev Carolyn Huff

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

Delaware Deanery – Rev Gregory Wilson, Janet Ross

Merion Deanery – Rev Ryan Whitley, George Vosburgh

Montgomery Deanery – Joseph Madison

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

Schuylkill Deanery – Richard Dill, William Berry

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

Valley Forge Deanery – Beverly Loftus

Wissahickon Deanery – Rose Muriel Rains

Mary Kohart, Chancellor; Jerome G Buescher, Secretary

1. Call to Order
09:03 AM

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

2. Host – Welcome and Scripture Reflection (*10 minutes*)

The Very Rev. Judith Sullivan

Welcome, quick update on cathedral project. Cathedral stabilized. Tower nearly topped off. Undercroft redone, early learning center operating. Diocesan offices coming about 01 Jan 15.

Gospel – Peggy Hatch read. Dean Sullivan: preachers always worry about words getting in way of Gospel. Our lectionary sequence doesn't read whole Gospel. These extraordinary words of Jesus on last Sunday of year. What an inspiration – the last words are about duty, recognizing needs and doing something about it. Cathedral prays for Council, parishes, all elements of church throughout the year.

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

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

a. Prayer

Bishop Daniel – Asking for grace to see Christ in our midst. Open our minds. Grant what we do today is for your glory, for your kingdom. Make us thankful.

b. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to 1st council meeting of new council. Lunch – to promote attendance of Council members at afternoon conference.

c. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Rev Curtin, 2nd by Vosburgh, passed – minus 4a and 4d because of late arrival by Chancellor.

- d. Recognition of Visitors
Dave Griffith, Judy Madison, Frank Allen, Judy Sullivan

4. Diocesan Council "101" (45 minutes)

- a. What is the Diocesan Council, Anyway? Canonical roles and responsibilities, relationships to other leadership bodies, leadership structure of the Diocesan Council. (Mary Kohart, Esq., Chancellor of the Diocese)
Without chancellor or treasurer, this item put off till Jan meeting.
- b. Responsibilities and Expectations of Diocesan Council members (The Rev. Joy Segal)
See booklet (why its not a booklet anymore). Please read – important info there.
- c. Diocesan Council Committee participation and responsibilities (The Rev. Joy Segal)
Anyone interested can take on a liaison function with a committee, or ask committees to send report or attend DC meetings. Also addition to list – Latino---Hispanic ministry committee – approved at convention.

Completion of dates for 2015 meetings. May meeting – Trinity Oxford; September meeting – St David Radnor.

Joseph Madison – can a list of mission parishes, vicar---parishes be provided to Council so we understand where we are. Bishop – fits with missional---goals statement at convention. Can we integrate this? Future work.

- d. Diocesan Financial Statements and Reports – New Treasurer has assumed responsibilities but has not yet prepared reports.
- e. Communications (Jerome Buescher, Secretary of Diocesan Council)

5. Minutes of the September 27, 2014 meeting of Diocesan Council (5 minutes)

Jerome Buescher, Secretary

Madison proposed, Ross seconded, approved.

6. Presentation – The Darby Mission (25 minutes)

The Rev. Doris Rajagopal

All Saints Collingdale closed, leaving large area with no episcopal presence [as in South Philadelphia with closing of St. John]. Rev Doris Rajagopal came to Bishop, said she had a vision regarding warm place of presence. She was encouraged. Made a proposal – in package Beginning where they need to begin. Children’s wishes are same as adult wishes – things for the kids. Better teachers, schools. ECS – emphasis on poverty. Expertise – 1st listen, are presently in first stages of that. Needs another month or so to understand issues. Has expertise on hand (ECS) about after---school programs. Everything ECS does is franchisable. ECS thinks they can do a year by themselves, then can get grants, etc. to continue. Could handle 25 children tomorrow. Committed to working shoulder to shoulder with Doris and the Diocese. What is needed today – funding model, plans. Constable Fund has been approached, have been encouraging about this model. Questions asked, adults and youth – what has been done, why didn’t they work. Answer: money, people came with ideas but we can’t eat. What’s in it for diocese – opportunity for hands---on work with the poor. Doris – new model of worship, because interacts with their whole life.

As Council, hearing proposal for new mission. Do we want to create new mission? Are we willing to be a partner? Madison: Dave has expertise, Doris knows about need. Who are the inside people – who will be cultivated? Answer from Dave – doing that work now, working with community leaders, plan for long---term, not one---and---done. Taking lead from Doris because she has long---term community following as priest. Church state issues? Dave thinks it’s workable.

1st question – should council create Darby project in Diocese, Council can do that. 1st response – very much part of what we should be doing. Core of church mission. But – aside from money – what is diocese being asked to commit to? Dave – asking for hands---on parish participation, people to come help us with this work. Money, time, way to publicize issues. Asking leadership to endorse and drive these issues. ECS is doing this, would be better if diocese were also into this. Bishop – this is already started, chief missionary of diocese has endorsed this. This is God’s mission – starting with Darby. Asking for motion: need to be clear – we are affirming the Darby Project, pursuing God’s mission to end poverty in Darby, a collaborative project between Episcopal diocese, ECS, and leadership of Darby Borough to provide spiritual, educational, spiritual, and social services in community of Darby. Motion passed, one abstention.

2nd question – request from Standing Committee to spend \$25K from surplus of 2014 budget. Moved and seconded. Discussion – Bishop doesn’t know any other requests for those funds. Called question. Approved. And additional motion – report Darby Project back to Diocesan Council no later than 6 months after today’s meeting. Approved.

7. Executive Committee Report (20 minutes) The Rev. D. Joy Segal
Bishop made motion, after explanations, to elect by acclamation. Seconded. Approved.
- a. Elections to Executive Committee (4)
by acclamation – William Berry, Peggy Hatch, Rev Keith Marsh, Rev D Joy Segal
 - b. Elections to Clergy Compensation and Employee Benefits (2)
by acclamation – Douglas Sisk, Rev Roger Broadley
 - c. Appointment to Finance Committee (1 Lay, 1 Clergy)
by acclamation – Elise Bowers, Rev Carolyn Huff

Schedule of Diocesan Council meeting for 2015

January 24th, March 28th, May 9th, June 13th, September 19th, November 14th

8. Report of meeting with Standing Committee and Diocesan Transition Team (DTT) on 11/4/14 (15 minutes) The Rev. D. Joy Segal

Called by DTT to consider winding down of their activities. Wanted to hand off responsibilities to ongoing diocesan structures. Asking: list of 11 items, come back to Jan meeting with a list of which activities Diocesan Council should take over and which need to be handled some other way. Asking for 3---4 people to look at list and bring back recommendations to January meeting – Greg Wilson, Beverly Loftus, William Atkinson.

9. Bishop’s Report (15 minutes) The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd

Norman McClave has completed his term with thanks. His successor is James Pope, he accepted, Standing Committee has agreed.

Bishop is calling for election of bishop; duties of Standing Committee (SC), will resign upon ordination & consecration of his successor

Clergy conference in Cape May – sold out Grand Hotel. Speakers, workshops, “free time.” Spouses/others invited.

David Virtue – offers from 2 to buy MD property. Bishop and SC said no. Someone approached Bishop about issue this past Monday – offered \$5M. Told Bishop why he shouldn't pass up offer. Has contacted David Virtue and SC. Offer no longer on table. Bishop feels diocese has never plumbed purpose for diocese owning that property – vision for that asset.

Richard Hill – real estate question about MD property. Staff there – yes, to care for property. Part is leased to farmer. Whitley – any ideas for long-term use? No – let it be for a while. Madison – idea is that property has value. Vosburgh – wise idea to refer to it as MD property, not Waptiti.

One last thing – staff and Bishop will be debriefing convention. Asking for short reporting: revamped vote procedure success. Too much for one day. Bios and pics of candidates. Inclusiveness of services, recognition to Carolyn Huff. Story about cat – useful.

Last, last thing – next year at Cathedral. What think about Friday eve Eucharist perhaps at another parish, dinner, fellowship time, then Sat for business of convention (floating idea, not making decision). No – keep worship service at cathedral. Reminder – we're coming back to cathedral after absence. Parking issue at cathedral space – can be handled.

From Rev D Joy Segal, on behalf of Diocesan Council – thanks to Bishop Daniel.

10. Treasurer's Report (10 minutes)
No report

Standing Committee Report (10 minutes)

The Rev. Frank Allen

Frank Allen – re-elected President of SC. SC charged with setting up search and election for a new bishop. Met with Rev Clay Matthews from NY. Suggestion that best practice is to hire a consultant. Interviewed 4. Picked Lynn Schmissrauter.

Best practice – small search committee. Setting up listening sessions around diocese. Take nominations, various ways. Frank suggests – 3 candidates, no candidates from diocese selected outside that procedure. When they announce candidates, their work is finished.

Then – Election and transition committee. How to expose candidates to dioceses. Various ideas. 18 months to next bishop. Bigger committee, many practical issues. Please pray, will appreciate suggestions.

11. Committee Reports (oral and written) (10 minutes)
Stewardship committee wants to come back to Jan meeting.

12. Old business

13. Schedule of next meeting

Jerome Buescher, Secretary

(January 24, 2015 – Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church)

14. Reflections (5 minutes)
Invitation to conference to follow after the Diocesan Council meeting.

15. Closing Prayer

The Rev. Ryan Whitley

16. Adjournment
12:02 PM

The Rev. D. Joy Segal

