Executive Council Minutes
July 15, 2014
Conference Call Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm by Matthew Burt, President of Executive Council (EC). The opening prayer was offered by David Frangquist.

Attendance:
The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus
Bishop and President
Matthew Burt
Chair
Bronwen Howes
Secretary
Ade Adekunle
The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez
Leslie Watson
Carl Zachrisson
Ken Fuller
Joe Jennings
Jim McConnell
Karma Quick-Panwala

Present
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Present

The Rev. Matthew Dutton-Gillett
Vice Chair
The Rev. Mauricio Wilson
William Cullen
The Rev. Chip Larrimore
The Rev. Joyce Parry Moore
The Rev. Dcn. Patricia Pearson
Sheila Sims

Absent
Absent
Present
Present
Present
Present
Present

Bishop’s Appointees:
Janet Brown
The Rev. Merry Chan

Present
Absent

Ex-Officio Members:
David Frangquist
Secretary of Convention

Present

Robert McCaskill
Treasurer of the Diocese

Present

Other Attendees:
Mary Vargas, Standing Committee Representative

Diocesan Staff:
Stefani Schatz, Canon to the Ordinary; Julia McCray Goldsmith, Working Group head for Discipleship Ministries; Davey Gerhard, Director of Development; Tom Ferguson, CFO

Guests of EC: None

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Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes:
Minutes for May 20 and June 17 were presented and approved. Chair Matthew Burt thanked Bronwen for her work reformatting the minutes. All those in attendance were reminded to provide hard (printed) and soft (electronic) copies to the Secretaries of all reports and motions presented before EC.

Interim Report from Task Force on EC Size and Composition:
Matthew Burt; Matthew Dutton-Gillett; Patricia Pearson; David Frangquist. The consensus decision of the task force was to not pursue a change to the canons to modify EC size and composition.

Bishop Marc’s Report:
Bishop Marc commented on the report sent out listing the day by day activities of Diocesan House Staff. He gave a “Good News” report about three new communities that are taking shape in the diocese.
1. For the first time since the founding of St. Gregory of Nyssa a new congregation is starting. The “Braid ministry” will have a particular focus on the Dogpatch - Mission Bay neighborhood in San Francisco. The Rev. Chris Chase and the Rev. Rebecca Edwards will share as mission-planters. They have most recently served a parish in San Diego. At this point they will meet in house churches. This project has a three-year start-up grant from a local family foundation to ensure its success. One unique aspect will be a commitment to raising awareness and developing support services for foster youth.
2. In the Marin Deanery The Priest and congregation of the New Skellig Celtic Christian Community in America have asked to join the Episcopal Church in The Diocese of California. This request will be presented to our Presiding Bishop in September. It would not be completed until sometime in 2015.
3. A new worshiping Episcopal community in the Daugherty Valley in Contra Costa continues to be considered. There are three churches, St. Timothy’s, St. Clare’s and St. Bartholomew’s who have been working on this project for the past 15-20 years. This would be a new community appropriate for the area.

Update on Vitality Work - Canon Stefanie Schatz:
Stefanie asked that members of EC read chapter 3- Prayerful Leadership from the Book “Humble Leadership” and come prepared to share prayer life at the August 19 Meeting.

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On Sunday June 22nd Stefanie visited the Congregation of El Buen Samaritano to help with the development of a timeline for next steps. The Rev. Gloria Del Castillo is retiring. Stefanie spoke about vital congregations and a two year project modeled after a development plan being used throughout the country. This involves clergy and lay working together. She is also in conversation about vitality with the Diocese of Northern California.

**Housing Resolution:**
Approval of the housing resolution for The Rev. Fran Gardner Smith was moved by Patricia Pearson, seconded and approved.

**Monthly Financial Reports:**
Bob McCaskill presented the financial reports. The Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements were accepted by EC.

**Other Business:**
Bill Cullen reported that nominations were coming in slowly. The DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO July 31, 2014. Please encourage members of your congregations and deaneries to nominate people for positions to be voted on at the 164th Diocesan Convention Oct. 17-18, 2014.

**Adjournment:** The closing prayer was offered by Matthew Burt and the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 PM.

Bronwen Howes
Secretary of Executive Council

Mary Louise Gotthold
Recording Secretary