

DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Counsel of Trustees

April 2, 2016

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Harrisburg, PA

Attending:

The Rt. Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop, Chair (ex-officio)
The Rev. David Peck, Elected at-large
The Rev. Canon Stephen Casey, Convener, Lancaster Convocation
The Rev. Nancy Shank, Convener, Susquehanna Convocation
Mary Ellen Kilp
Ms. Jane Gable, Elected at-large
The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson, President, Standing Committee
The Rev. Linda Watkins, Convener, Harrisburg Convocation
The Rev. Rowena Gibbons, Convener, Northern Tier Convocation
Mr. William E. Graffius, Canon to the Ordinary (ex-officio)
The Rev. Patrick Strohl, Convener, Harrisburg Convocation
Mr. Tyrone Powell, Secretary of Convention (ex-officio)
Ms. Marion Schwartz, Convener, Altoona Convocation
Mr. David Miron, Elected at-large
The Rev. Hank Morrow, Elected at-large
Ms. Bonnie Chambers, Treasurer (ex-officio)
Ms. Shirley Wagner, President, ECW (ex-officio)
Ms. Emma DiPacc, Youth representative

Not Attending:

Ms. Debbie Robelen, Registrar (ex-officio)
Ms. Barbara McLemore, Chancellor (ex-officio)
The Rev. David Peck, Elected at-large
The Rev. Veronica Chappell, Convener, Susquehanna Convocation
The Rev. Susan Claytor, Elected at-large
Ms. Marion Schwartz, Convener, Altoona Convocation
The Rev. Jania Yskamp, Elected at-large

A quorum being present, the meeting proceeded.

Bishop Scanlan opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the February 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer report highlights

Bonnie Chambers presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report highlights are as follows: The Fair Share contributions have increased since the Convention. To date: the Diocese has received 13.3% of anticipated revenues and has spent 23.25% of projected expenses.

Anyone can attend the Investment Team meetings and performance reports will be posted on the Diocesan website. Pennsylvania endowed and quasi-endowed funds are governed by Pennsylvania Act 141. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee reports

Charles G. Banks, Jr., Vice Chancellor, presented a report regarding suggested revisions to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. First, many typographical errors have been corrected. The proposed changes to the Constitution are minimal. The most significant change is the addition Canon VII regarding the establishment and operation of Mission Congregations. To endeavor to keep the Constitution and Canons current, the Treasurer recommended that the committee should annually review the Constitution and Canons and propose necessary suggested revisions. [A redlined copy highlighting proposed suggested revisions is attached.](#) The Council of Trustees will receive an updated version before our next Convention.

Mr. William E. Graffius presented the Fair Share and Audit committee reports. Bill indicated that the Fair Share response has been "phenomenal". With respect to Audits, the committee is striving to establish an Audit Policy that is (1) fair; (2) understandable; and (3) enforceable. Bill also indicated that parishes should make sure that there is sufficient annual "activity" regarding their bank and investment accounts to ensure that the funds in such accounts do not escheat to the State due to inactivity.

The Bishop discussed her restructuring initiative entitled "Organizational Structure and Proposed Changes for Growth in Mission - 2016".

Bishop Scanlan circulated the bylaws of the Episcopal Homes of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. The Episcopal Home is a personal care home that is

near full capacity (i.e. approximately 30 out of 32 beds are occupied.)
Currently, none of the residents are Episcopalians. Over 50% of the residents are on “beneficial care”. The Shippensburg based home is highly regarded. The Bishop reported that the financial sustainability of the home is in question and that the board is grappling with proper role of Diocesan oversight and the continuing mission of the home. The Bishop will invite the President of the Episcopal Homes to the next Council of Trustees meeting.

The Bishop also discussed our historical Ecumenical Partnership with Camp Mount Luther ([See attached report.](#)) Mary Ellen Kilp added that the Lutheran program is great for kids, but is inadequate for kids beyond 10th grade. The Diocese currently does not have a formal camp program that satisfactorily addresses the needs of all youth groups.

The meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming meetings

Thursday, June 2nd	2 pm -	St. Paul’s, Harrisburg
Thursday, September 8th	2 pm -	St. Paul’s, Harrisburg
Saturday, December 3rd	10 am -	All Saints, Selinsgrove

Attachments (Canons / Camp Mount Luther)