

**Executive Council Minutes
August 20, 2019
Wilsey Conference Room**

Attendance: -=present, a=absent, t=telephone e=excused

Officers:

The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus Bishop and President **A**
Lane Ringlee Chair **P**
The Rev. Jane Stratford Vice Chair **P**
The Rev. Margaret Trezevant Secretary **P**

Ex-officio members:

David Frangquist Secretary of Convention **P**
Brad Barber Treasurer of the Diocese **P**

Other attendees:

Christopher Hayes, Esq. Chancellor of the Diocese **P**
Albe Larsen Standing Committee Representative **P**
Mary Louise Gotthold Recording Secretary **T**

Class of 2019

Ronald C. Johnson **A**
Jim Wiant **P**
The Rev. Margaret Trezevant **P**
Susan MacKenzie **A**
Bruce Morrow **P**

Class of 2020

The Rev. Jane Stratford **P**
The Rev. Debra Low-Skinner **P**
Thomas LaFrance **T**
Charles Mader **A**
Patrick Andersen **P**

Class of 2021

The Rev. Liz Tichenor **A**
Mary Jane Chetelat **P**
Mees Tielens **P**
Richard Patenaude **P**
Donald Miller **P**
The Rev. Merry Chan Ong **P**

Bishop's Appointees

Robyn Amos **P**
Miguel Bustos **P**

Diocesan Staff

The Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey *Canon to the Ordinary* P
The Rev. Eric Metoyer Associate for Congregational Ministry A
Tom Ferguson CFO P
Amy Cook Working Group Head for Faith Formation P

Call to order 4:34

Opening Prayer Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey

Announcement: Mees Tielens announced that he is transgender, currently transitioning, and will no longer be named Saskia Tielens. New contact info noted.

Approval of Minutes for June 18, 2019: Richard Patenaude wasn't present.

July 2019: Canon changes to go to the Committee on Canons not Committee on Resolutions. Copies of the changes will be attached to the minutes. M/2/ Approved

4:40. Presentation on Bishop's Ranch:

Sean Swift, Executive Director of Bishop's Ranch, and Susah Pierpont, Bishop's Ranch Board President, presenting.

Founded in 1947, purchased by Bp. Block. Ministry of the Ranch is where renewal happens, in relationship with God and each other.

Governance: Board of Directors meets monthly, has 19 members, with some from Diocese of Northern California. All members connected to parishes.

Usage: Dominated by DioCal. Usage of the Ranch has increased since the 1990's. Currently 50-55 parishes use the Ranch facilities, mostly on weekends. But lately fewer parishes use it, in smaller numbers. In 2018 they had a deficit, which had been rare. Mandated to be self-supporting, the Ranch is financed through user fees or fundraising. A Diocesan grant had been used for scholarships, although Tom Ferguson noted that it could be applied to other uses. They are currently promoting the Annual Fund. They may have to get more non-church users. They have increased their fundraising activities, with Jack Dowling serving as their Development Director, in addition to his other duties. Programs include Bread Camps and Family Camps—led by young adults from DioCal. with a leadership training program for them. They have started a READ camp for language arts for the Spanish-speaking community around Healdsburg.

Ranch Endowment is approximately \$1 million.

5:16 Approval of clergy housing allowance:

Canon Abbott Bailey and Amy Cook left the room for these deliberations. Canon Bailey has requested a restructuring of allowance since she has bought a house since last allowance was approved and circumstances have changed. M/S/Approved

5:17 Financial Report Brad Barber and Tom Ferguson presenting.

\$76K excess of revenue which should dissolve during the remainder of the year.

Aging Report: Good report, most congregations current with one exception. St. Dorothy's Rest line of credit is being paid down. **Endowment:** Is a collection of 120 separate endowments managed by a private investment company. To comply with socially responsible investing policy approved at Diocesan Convention, has been moved to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS) since January 2017. Prior year returns weren't that good, (6.9% return) but up 14.4% this year.

5:23 Report by Canon to the Ordinary Abbott Bailey

Sends greeting from BP. Marc who is wrapping up the last chapter of his dissertation. **Report on Strengthening Congregations:** Grants were given in 2018-2019 to attend workshops and trainings. Small grants given to congregations to go as a team for trainings, included both clergy and lay. In December will be gathering these groups together to synthesize learnings from these workshops.

Working Group for Congregational Ministry will launch a listening campaign with Mission congregations. Topics: e.g.: how do you experience God working in this congregation. What is God doing in your neighborhood, what is your passion in your community? What is your congregation at its best, what support do you need? Amy Cook, Eric Metoyer, and Denise Obando will be coordinating over the next 6 weeks

Essential housing: Project coming along, more reports on this coming.

Cell Tower leases: La Santissima Trinidad in Richmond have been approached by a company to renegotiate their lease at a lower rate, with the incentive being that with the merger of T-mobile and Sprint it is possible they could lose their lease altogether. RThere is a lease buyout option on the table. The Diocese engaged a consultant who says that there is a slightly increased risk of losing the lease with the merger, but is unlikely. Their Bishop's Committee thinks its worth the risk to do nothing right now. No action now, but just info for the Exec. Council. The Council recommends that if other parishes with similar leases are approached to contact the Diocese for consultation.

5:38. Break

5:47. Report on Saint Dorothy's Rest: Bruce Morrow, Robyn Amos, and Tom Ferguson presenting.

Met with SDR board and Katie Evenbeck at Christ Church Sausalito. Cash reserves are \$2.78K, with a deficit of \$80K. Anticipate #110K deficit at end of 2019. If trend continues all cash reserves will be gone in 18 months. Capital Campaign should be able to start distributions in 2020, should get \$95K from that next year with more over next 7 years (totaling \$500K). There are 134 parcels. They have consolidated 12 properties, or 75 acres, or 80% of total parcels, will be marketed. 6 will be kept by St. Dorothy's. Balance of parcels will ask the county if they can gift it to the other property owners,

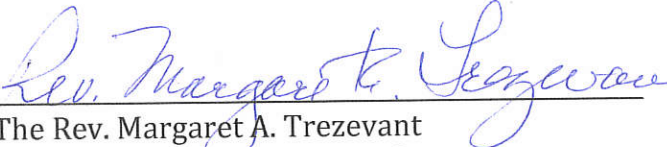
Talking Points:

1. If any parishes are approached by cellular company for a site at your church or to renegotiate a lease contact Abbott and Eric for resources
2. Need a lay nominee for Executive Council. Must be nominated by the the floor, contact Dave Frangquist for details on how to do this
3. Bishops Ranch: parishes get priority for retreats and events.

6:34 Closing Prayer: Thomas La France

Adjourned at 6:36

Respectfully submitted:

 Date: 8-27-19
The Rev. Margaret A. Trezevant
Secretary to Executive Council