

**Executive Council Minutes
October 15, 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 **A**

Other attendees:

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

Class of 2019

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

Class of 2020

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

Class of 2021

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

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

Call to Order: 4:30

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Debbie Low-Skinner. Offered in remembrance of the life and ministry of Dr. Ronald Johnson.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
Approved

4:36. Report by Canon Abbott. Began with acknowledgement that the Cathedral sits on the land of Native Peoples. Update on Bishop Marc: Home as of 10-10-19. Grateful that we are letting him heal with no interruptions. Grateful for cards and well-wishes. Still wanting to return to work in November. Is getting out for walks with Sheila. Diocesan staff doing well. Abbott working closely with Christopher Hayes. Barry Beisner to preside at Confirmations on Nov. 2. Bp. Marc will not be involved in decision-making for 5 weeks. Jill Honodel will serve as President of Convention in her capacity as President of Standing Committee. Theme of this year's convention is "Learning from Doctrine of Discovery", to honor the Indigenous Peoples, on whose land our properties sit. Aligned with resolutions from General Convention, calling on us to do more training on Doctrine of Discovery. Bp. Marc to give a video address at the Saturday morning Eucharist.

Non-eucharist liturgy on Friday evening on the Convention theme. Will be sending out invitations to delegates and to any who would like to attend on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

4:55. Key initiatives-
Davey Gerhard

Report on Expanding Horizons: Created plan to raise money in 4 key areas: 1. International programs, 2. Caring for God's Creation 3. Essential Housing 4. Direct support to congregations

Worked with every congregation, to determine how much could be raised. Congregations agreed to run a collaborative campaign with the Diocese. Still have a spirit of enthusiasm, and the need is still growing. Setbacks in fundraising: 45 congregations said they would participate, but 12 ended up doing it. Have raised \$10.7 million, short of goal. Still plan to add to the goal in 2020. However, will declare the campaign finished at Convention, which means distributions can begin. Priorities: Bishop's Ranch, SDR, Episcopal Impact. (Signed MOU's with these entities) . Will review if all areas still need to be funded in the same way. Will continue to fundraise. Some discussion that there was hesitation to give 30% of funds raised

to diocesan programs, which impacted participation. Some used the diocesan-provided consultation and then led their own capital campaigns. Report from consultants on what impacted the campaign and what we could have done differently: Staffing changes, Stefanie's death, hire of the new Canon to the Ordinary, Marc's sabbatical, cycle of campaign waxing and waning. Perhaps it was not the best time to engage a capital campaign. Detailed report to be provided in a future meeting once Bishop Marc has reviewed.

**5:13 Finance Report-
Tom Ferguson**

Increase in revenue. Almost all departments under-spent, but by end of year won't be as large, but still expect to run a surplus.

**5:15 Assessment Appeals- Rev.
Debbie Low-Skinner**

Epiphany San Carlos: still needs to be decided, but will report at next meeting. Parish felt that they had been encouraged to appeal, despite having significant reserves. Raised \$9K in capital campaign. Have lost 4 major donors in the past year. Will report next month with a more detailed report.

**5:25 Break. Honoring Mary
Louise Gotthold**

Mary Louise was honored for her long service to the Diocese, particularly as the Recording Secretary of the Executive Council. She was praised for her hard work, attention to detail, all done with great humility and always with a smile. Her presence will be greatly missed.

Entered Executive Session 5:42.
Exited at 6:00

**6:00.
Chancellor's
report**

Entered Executive session 6:00.
Exited at 6:03

Several amendments to the Canons, proposed amendment by Rev. Chris Rankin-Williams: Require an additional step with consent of majority of vestries and Bishop's committees. Discussion that it makes it more cumbersome and has no precedent. Committee on Canons reviewed and said it is permissible to address on the floor.

**6:07 Report on Convention:
Dave Frangquist**

Reiterated that all canon changes/proposals have to go through the Committee on Canons. New amendment NOT proposed by Committee on Canons and has to be moved from the floor. IF members of the Council are opposed to the amendment, be prepared to present at convention. Warren Wong planning to nominate a lay person from the floor for Executive Council, so all positions will have nominees. Plan to get first results out before lunch, done by having the first ballot earlier in the day. Allotted 20 minutes on Canon amendments, anticipating much discussion.

6:21 Standing Committee/ Governance Met with Commission on Ministry re sharing of information. Approved Martha Evans, approved 2 transitional deacons, 2 permanent deacons for ordination. Governance has not met, Matthew Dutton-Gillett has been on sabbatical.

6:23 Deanery Reports

Contra Costa met for convention review Marin: No one running for offices. Mary Jane Chetelat announced that she will be resigning her position on Executive Council as she is moving to Davis. S. Alameda: Discussion re canon changes and resolutions San Francisco: Deanery Officers eligible to run again

Some discussion around difficulty in recruiting for deanery positions. Canon Abbott says to raise it for discussion in the future.

Talking Points:

1. Bp. Marc doing well but will be out for several weeks. Requests no emails, texts, cards can be sent to the Diocese
2. Convention theme "Learning From Doctrine of Discovery- Honoring Indigenous Peoples"

6:38 Closing Prayer: Mees Tielens

6:39 Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted:

 12-3-19

The Rev. Margaret Trezevant

Date