

Executive Council Minutes
January 19, 2021
Meeting held over Zoom

Attendance: **Present Absent Excused**

Officers:

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus Bishop and President **P**
Richard Patenaude Chair, Class of 2021 **P**
The Rev. Jon Owens Vice Chair, Class of 2022 **P**
Mees Tielens Secretary, Class of 2021 **P**

Class of 2021:

Bruce Morrow **A**
Eleanor Prugh **P**
Don Miller **P**
The Rev. Merry Chan Ong **P**

Class of 2022:

Marj Leeds **P**
The Rev. Ginger Strickland **A**
Tom Matthews **P**
Anna Haight **P**
Birgit Eschmann **P**

Class of 2023:

Aidan Jobe-Sea **P**
Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore **P**
The Rev. Lindy Bunch **P**
The Rev. Krista Fregoso **P**
Sherry Lund **P**
Elaine Vallecillo-Miller **P**

Bishop's Appointees:

The Rev. Liz Tichenor **P**
Bruno Peguese **P**
Ana Marina Vaquero **P**
Edgar Woo **P**

Ex-officio members:

The Rev. Richard Edward Helmer Secretary of the Convention **A**
Lane Ringlee Treasurer of the Diocese **P**

Diocesan Staff:

The Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey Canon to the Ordinary **P**
Jim Forsyth Acting CFO **P**
Davey Gerhard Director of Development **P**

Other attendees:

Christopher Hayes, Esq. Chancellor of the Diocese **P**
Albe Larsen Standing Committee **P**

4:33PM Meeting opened**4:37PM Minutes**

Eleanor Prugh moves to accept the minutes as amended. Merry Chan Ong seconds. Motion passes.

4:40PM Introduction of new members

Executive Council welcomes Bruno Peguese, Rev. Lindy Bunch, Elaine Vallecillo-Miller, Sherry Lund, Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore, and Edgar Woo.

4:45PM Bishop's Time

Bishop Marc discussed the origination of the Executive Council and his appointments. He further discussed the need for financial acumen on the Council as well as the presence of diversity. Discussed his participation in MLK day observances. Lastly discussed the Diocese success in finding a new CFO.

Abbott Bailey outlined the search committee for the CFO. Bishop Marc spoke glowingly of the chosen candidate. Michelle is ordained, is practiced at visiting congregations, can give rectors a break, and can offer consultations with congregations to work on the financial life of the congregation. Two basic functions for the CFO: tending the budget of the Diocese, and providing support to the disparate organizations within the Diocese. Michele also holds and maintains a CPA from her time prior to ordination.

Abbott Bailey outlined the marketing effort to discover this candidate.

Sherry Lund asked if this candidate was intending to implement a high degree of transparency to which Bishop Marc confirmed.

5:07

Krista Fregoso moves to approve the appointment of the new diocesan CFO, the Rev. Michele Racusin. Tom Matthews seconds. The motion passes.

5:09PM Financial Reports

Lane Ringlee presents the financial reports distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Clarification is offered that the unbudgeted expenses are related to the Title IV proceedings and the replacement process of the CFO, and any excess of the Resurrection Fund will be purposed towards assessment relief and will not go into the general fund.

5:25PM Matters Before Council

- **St. Dorothy's update**

Jim Forsyth updates the council about the release of \$195,000 from the Expanding Horizons Campaign allocated for St. Dorothy's. Liz Tichenor, as one of the board members appointed from Executive Council, shares that the board is aware of the gravity of their financial situation, but also of the difficulty involved in planning and strategizing without a secure future and adequate staffing.

St. Dorothy's Rest will return to Executive Council in March.

- **Housing Resolution**

Marj Leeds moves to approve the housing resolution for the Rev. Michele Racusin as included in the Executive Council meeting packet. Birgit seconds. The motion passes.

5:50 break

6:05PM Chancellor's time

Eleanor Prugh moves Executive Council enters executive session at 6:06PM. The Council leaves executive session at 6:10PM.

6:10PM Standing Committee

Standing Committee had their meeting on January 14 and met with representatives from the School for Deacons, as part of Standing Committee's effort to build closer relationships with diocesan institutions.

6:15PM Deanery Reports

- Universal internet access (Alameda)

Alameda Deanery is working on a taskforce to study the impact of a lack of access to wifi and bring a resolution to Diocesan Convention to advocate for universal wifi. Executive Council members are requested to recruit one person from each deanery for this taskforce and relay this information to the Rev. Jon Owens.

- Deanery reports

Most deaneries are set to meet between now and March. The Peninsula deanery is taking a critical look at its bylaws and has established a grants committee in preparation for its next meeting.

6:20PM Talking points

- New CFO appointment
- Alameda Deanery's universal wifi access resolution
- St. Dorothy's Rest update

6:21PM Closing prayer and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mees Tielens
Secretary of Executive Council