

Episcopal Diocese of Montana
Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting
April 18, 2009
St. Peter's Cathedral, Helena

Attendance. Council members present: Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Donna Gleaves, Elton Smith, Jean Collins, Ed Myers, Jerry Asleson, Jane Schmoetzer, Clark Sherman, Britton Gray, Linda McCloud and Cindy Perry. Also present at the meeting were Beth Baker, Diocesan Treasurer; Roger Stone, Canon for Administration; and Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary. Absent from the meeting were Council members Marva Hoard and Karen Hall.

Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda. Bishop Brookhart called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. With a quorum present, Bishop Brookhart opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting agenda was adopted as amended.

Presentation by Brandon Costley from RBC Wealth Management.

Bishop Brookhart introduced Brandon Costley, Financial Consultant with RBC Wealth Management. Brandon gave a performance summary of the investments contained in the Diocesan portfolio which is managed by RBC Wealth Management. Overall, the Diocesan investments did not performed well in 2008 and thus far in 2009 due to the unstable economy and a turbulent stock market. Financial analysts estimate March 9, 2009 was the low point for the stock market, and since that date, are seeing a slight up-turn in the market, which will hopefully continue.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of January 31, 2009 Diocesan Conference Call Meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the January 31, 2009 meeting held via conference call were approved as written.

Financial Reports. Diocesan Treasurer, Beth Baker presented the financial statements for the months of January, February and March, 2009. Beth reported Diocesan finances are currently doing okay. As a result of a sizable bequest received by St. James Church in Lewistown, St. James was able to pay all past due assessments due the Diocese, which in turn greatly helped the financial condition of the Diocese. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the financial reports for the months of January, February and March, 2009 were unanimously approved as printed.

Annual Parish Audit Reports. Beth Baker reported all but two Churches have submitted their 2007 Annual Parish Audit Reports to the Diocesan Office, which is very good. Additionally, it was reported two Churches have already submitted their 2009 Annual Parish Audit Reports to the Diocesan Office. Beth reminded Council members the Diocese has an "audit team" that will come to any Church to assist them with completing their Annual Parish Audit Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of Vehicle for Bishop's Use. On April 6, 2009, the lease expired on the Chevrolet Trailblazer which the Bishop was driving for Diocesan business. The vehicle has been returned to the Lessor.

Pursuant Council's prior approval, the Diocese has purchased a 2008 Pontiac Torrent for the Bishop's use.

Additional Funding for General Convention Deputies. Bishop Brookhart stated the 2009 Diocesan Budget allocates \$1,770.00 for each of the eight deputies to the upcoming General Convention. As mentioned previously, the Bishop anticipates this will not be enough money to cover expenses incurred by each deputy. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to allocate an additional \$10,000.00 to be used for expenses incurred by deputies to General Convention. The deputies can request additional monies to cover General Convention expenses, with accountability by turning in receipts for such expenses to Diocesan Office. Bishop Brookhart offered his thanks to the deputies going to General Convention this July in Anaheim, California.

Faber Fund Grant Application. Roger Stone, Canon for Administration, presented a \$6,000.00 Faber Fund Grant Application submitted by the Diocesan House. Roger stated the money will be used to pay expenses of materials and labor associated with insulating the walls and ceilings of Diocesan House. Roger said this past January; water pipes froze and broke in the basement of Diocesan House due to no insulation in the walls. Additionally, by doing the insulation work, the Diocese will be eligible to receive a rebate (amount undetermined) from Northwestern Energy. The initial motion was amended to authorize the hiring of a professional painter to paint the walls of Diocesan House after the insulation work is complete. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the \$6,000.00 Faber Fund Grant Application submitted by Roger Stone on behalf of Diocesan House was approved.

Pastoral Mission to Guatemala. Roger Stone announced he will return to Guatemala this coming October to do missionary work for one month. Roger will teach English as a second language to students in La Esperanza (Spanish for The Hope).

Upcoming Diocesan Council Meetings. Upcoming meetings of the Diocesan Council are as follows. All meetings will be held on Saturday from 10:00 o'clock a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena.

June 27, 2009

November 14, 2009.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 o'clock p.m. Holy Eucharist followed with the homily by the Rev. Linda McCloud.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Gallik Archey,
Diocesan Secretary