

**Episcopal Diocese of Montana**  
**Minutes of Diocesan Council Meeting**  
**June 19, 2010**  
**St. Peter's Cathedral, Helena**

Attendance. Council members present: Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Marva Hoard, Linda McCloud, Louis Bowne, George Walter, Cindy Perry and David Gunderson. Also present at the meeting were Barb Hagen, Canon for Finance; Beth Baker, Diocesan Treasurer; and Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary. Absent from the meeting were Council members Tim Ljunggren, Jane Schmoetzer, Clark Sherman.

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.

Welcome New Member. Bishop Brookhart welcomed David Gunderson as a new member of Diocesan Council. David replaces Karen Hall and will serve until September 2011.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes of April 10, 2010 Diocesan Council Meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the April 10, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Resignation of Council Member, Britton Gray. David Gunderson announced Britton Gray has joined the Baptist Church in Wyoming, and therefore has resigned as a member of Diocesan Council.

Financial Reports. Diocesan Treasurer Beth Baker, and Canon for Finance Barb Hagen presented the financial statements for the months of April and May, 2010. Barb reported Diocesan investments declined sharply during May. Beth stated overall, the income of the Diocese has been declining in recent years. Bishop Brookhart suggested annual pledging will increase if emphasis is put on The Good News and gratitude. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the financial statements for the months of April and May, 2010 were approved as presented.

Annual Parish Audit Reports. Barb Hagen announced the Diocesan Office has already received ten Annual Parish Audit Reports for 2009. Barb stated the Diocesan "audit team" continues a busy schedule traveling to various churches offering assistance to complete their Annual Parish Audit Reports.

Receipt of Minutes from Finance Department. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council acknowledged receipt of the Minutes from the May 22, 2010 Finance Department meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Money for Camp Marshall. Bishop Brookhart announced the Diocese is the recipient of a United Thank Offering (U.T.O.) Grant of \$55,000.00 to repair the drain field and update the waste water system at Camp Marshall. Additionally, the Diocesan office received a \$10,000.00 check from St. Alban's Church in Laurel (tithe of proceeds from the sale of their building) to be used toward other needs at Camp Marshall.

Update on Bishop Brookhart's Sabbatical. Bishop Brookhart stated he is working on ideas for his Sabbatical, but currently has nothing to report. It was noted the House of Bishops has funds available for sabbatical expenses. This fall, the Bishop plans a ten-day study trip to Jerusalem.

Status Reports from Venture In Mission (V.I.M.) Grant Recipients. St. James' Church in Dillon has provided the Diocesan Office with their final report for V.I.M. funds received for their Wood Bank Ministry. Additionally, a progress report was received from St. Mark's Church in Anaconda. The Pintler Cluster (which includes St. Marks) received a \$9,600.00 V.I.M Grant to pay expenses for a Youth Coordinator for their on-going after school program.

2011 Diocesan Budget. On behalf of the Finance Department, Beth Baker and Barb Hagen presented the proposed 2011 Diocesan Operating Budget which is compiled by the Finance Department. The 2011 Budget consists of three parts: Administration, Program and Camp Marshall, and no longer contains an allocation for Assisted Congregations. Beth stated the 2011 Budget is based on a 19.0% assessment, which is an increase of .5% from last year. The allocation of funds for Diocesan committees is the result of a meeting of all committee chairpersons wherein funding requests and funds available were discussed and allocations agreed upon. Cuts to the 2011 Budget include: life and disability insurance premiums for Diocesan staff will no longer be paid by the Diocese, reimbursement for cell phone usage will be \$40.00 per month, and medical and dental insurance premiums will be capped at the amount paid for the Aetna plan. If a Diocesan employee chooses a more expensive insurance plan (other than Aetna), the difference in the premium amount must be paid by the employee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to revise the proposed 2011 Diocesan Budget as follows: Leave the Assessment at 18.5%; Reduce Line 62: General Convention" to zero; and Canon For Finance will adjust the budget to accommodate the remaining \$2,300.00 shortfall.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the 2011 Diocesan Operating Budget was unanimously approved as amended.

Faber Fund Grant/Loan Applications. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council members approved a Faber Fund Application submitted by the Rev. Pattiann Bennett, on behalf of St. Michaels and All Angels Church in Eureka. St. Michaels and All Angels requests a grant of \$2,895.00 to have the Church furnace fixed which was initially installed incorrectly.

Council next considered a Faber Fund Grant/Loan Application submitted by The Rev. Canon Bradley S. Wirth, on behalf of All Saints' Church in Whitefish-Columbia Falls. Previously, Council granted All Saints a \$6,500.00 no-interest Faber Fund loan to obtain a Geoprobe Subsurface Investigation on the real property the Church intends to sell. More contamination was found as a result of the investigation, and additional funds are needed to complete water and soil clean up. Therefore, All Saints' Church is requesting an additional Faber Fund loan of \$2,350.00. As with the prior loan, All Saints' Church will repay all monies to the Diocese upon the sale of the property. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council unanimously approved the \$2,350.00 loan application.

Routine maintenance is needed at the Diocesan House, specifically repair leaky gutters, re-paint trim and cement work. As of current date, the cost to complete this maintenance is unknown. There should be a line-item for routine maintenance in the Diocesan Budget, however, the current budget allocates no funds for this purpose. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to take a \$6,500.00

loan from the Faber Fund to pay for the routine maintenance on the Diocesan House, then repay the loan as income is received.

Loan to St. John's Church in Emigrant. Council previously approved a loan to St. John's Church in Emigrant, but neglected to set a start date for the repayment of the loan to the Diocese. Since St. John's has not spent the money yet, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to revisit this issue at Council's next meeting in October.

General Convention / Resolutions Regarding Proposed Amendments To The Constitution. Bishop Brookhart distributed "Resolutions Regarding Proposed Amendments To The Constitution," a document from the National Church. The National Church requests this document be reviewed and discussed at the upcoming Diocesan Convention. Since the document contains many complex resolutions to be addressed at General Convention, it was decided to revisit this issue at Council's next meeting in October, which will allow Council members time to review the resolutions.

Diocesan Convention. Bishop Brookhart announced the 107th annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana will be held in Bozeman from Friday, September 24, 2010 through Sunday, September 26, 2010. Bishop Brookhart cited Canon 3.2.d: "Members of Diocesan Council shall be delegates to the convention."

Upcoming Diocesan Council Meeting. Council's next meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral in Helena.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before Council, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Following the adjournment of the meeting, Bishop Brookhart celebrated Holy Eucharist, with the homily by The Rev. Linda McCloud.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Gallik Archey, Diocesan Secretary