

Present:

Absent:

Darren Armstrong, President
Bill Stanton, Vice President +
Karla Schapansky, Recording Secretary
Nancy Jones, Diocesan Treasurer

Amy Lythgoe+

Chuck Theobold
Matthew Frey+
Jon Anderson+
Bishop Kym Lucas+
Melissa George+
Donna Colville
Chip Page
Wren Blessing+
Kate Bradsen+

Darren called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. AGENDA APPROVED? MINUTES APPROVED?

Nancy gave the budget report. The 2025 proposed budget was presented at Convocation and at the Budget Hearing on September 28. It will be presented and voted on during the Treasurer's Report at Convention on October 5.

The question was asked which congregation parishes/missions are meeting the expected 10% monthly contribution to the Diocesan office. This will be discussed at the Fall Retreat.

Jon Anderson made the Property Report. PJ's has made a request to pave their parking lot. It is a hazard and needs to be done. There is some financial history. In the fall of 2023, PJ's asked to use \$100k of proceeds for operating expenses. The bishop asked TSC to consider and approve this. It was approved by TSC. Since then, PJ's is the recipient from a trust of a departed parishioner of \$350k. TSC is requesting that the \$100k from 2023 (which is from a restricted fund) be repaid. Then the funds for the paving can come from the appropriate Trust fund.

MEYER HALL sale
\$200 or 225K restricted
\$350K Trust

The matter of defining an Imperiled Church and if they're required to conduct audits will be an agenda item at the Fall Retreat.

A grant request was presented and discussed for St. Paul's, Central City. The Bishop's Warden reported there is a Required repair or replacement of a truss in the nave at the crossing for \$15K.

This was accepted by TSC. A request for \$50K for renovations was accepted. These grants meet the criteria of the Central City Historical Society and the renovation grant will include encumbrance of the Diocese. This motion was made by Bill and seconded by Chuck. The motion carried unanimously.

At All Saints, the lease for the Contemplative Prayer Group is expiring. Will the property be sold and the lease not renewed?

OMS (Our Merciful Savior) has been closed for a while and will likely sit through another winter.

The matter of moving the columbarium at St. Andrews, La Junta remains an open item.

During the Bishop's time, she presented the need to close St. James, Lake City from October, 2024 through May 2025. This motion was made by Kate and seconded by Karla. This motion was passed unanimously.

The bishop introduced the category of Special Congregations. The Reverend Lauren Grubaugh Thomas has organized a congregation in Sterling Ranch, Holy Companion. There was discussion about how to proceed. An application for a church which most likely should be submitted by the High Plains Region should be made. There was further discussion about the subject of church plants. It was estimated that a church plant should currently be budgeted at \$500K. An example of a successful church plant is St. Brigid who has taken ten years to grow as a mission to a parish. To date, the High Plains Region has supported Holy Companion with \$35K.

The Episcopal Service Corps house should be under contract by 7pm today. Darren asked Donna, Bill and Nancy to form a review committee to discuss how to distribute the proceeds once the sale is closed.

Darren asked Wren to send another Doodle survey to the committee inquiring that IF there is a third retreat, when should it be. Currently, there is a spring and a fall retreat.

Melissa asked that the minutes reflect the committee's appreciation to Kate for her service on The Standing Committee. Kate is completing her term.

Kate motioned to adjourn the meeting and Melissa seconded it. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Schapansky,
Recording Secretary