

Diocesan Council Meeting
Of the Diocese of Quincy
In the Episcopal Church
May 23, 2009

The Diocesan Council of The Diocese of Quincy of The Episcopal Church met at St. Paul's Cathedral, Peoria, at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 23, 2009.

Present from the Diocesan Council were
The Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan, Provisional Bishop
The Rev. James Allemeier
Ms. Christine Barrow
Ms. Linda Brown
Ms. Erica Goldstone
Ms. Valerie Renner
Ms Brenda Spencer
Mr. Fred Leggert
Mr. Bruce Giffin

Also Present were
Ms. Lisa Carter, Assistant to the Bishop
The Rev. Canon Gary Dalmasso
Michael Renner, Treasurer of the Diocese
Mr. Bernie Templin, Parishioner, St. Pauls Cathedral

Report of the Bishop

The Bishop reported that he has appointed two new members to the Diocesan Council, Mr. Fred Leggert and Mr. Bruce Giffin. He can then appoint one more lay person to the Council. He asked for recommendations while keeping in mind diversity. He would like representation from all churches.

The Bishop gave a copy of his schedule, past and future meetings across the Diocese of Quincy. He would like to visit with parishioners from all parishes. At this time the Standing Committee has approved his contract with The Diocese of Quincy through the end of July 2009. The Standing Committee is meeting concurrently and has been asked to extend the contract through the end of October 2009. This date will have him present at the Synod scheduled for October 17, 2009. The Bishop will be in Peoria again June 27, 2009 to July 6, 2009.

The Bishop reported that his meetings with Macomb and Galesburg were met with cheerful and enthusiastic people. He encouraged the congregations to meet and have services regularly. The continuing congregations need to have vestries and Bishop's Committees set up to continue forward.

The Bishop reported he received a letter from The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., Secretary of the House of Bishops. The letter was written on behalf of 126 Bishops gathered for the House of Bishops at the Kanuga Conference Center, North Carolina on March 17, 2009. The group sends prayers to The Diocese of Quincy and encouragement to revitalize the church.

A list of all clergy of The Diocese of Quincy was disseminated. The list consists of bishops, priests and deacons. A letter from Bishop Buchanan was mailed to all clergy from the 2008 Diocese Directory to clarify their status with the Diocese in regards to Episcopalians or Southern Cone. The letter was not mailed to those clergy that signed the Oath of Conformity at the April 4 Synod. Those present were asked to make any corrections to the list. Discussions and corrections were made.

The Standing Committee members now joined the The Diocesan Council Meeting.

Report of the Secretary

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 2009 meeting. Motion was made by Brenda Spencer and was seconded by Valerie Renner.

Robert Dedmon suggested the Synod of October 17, 2009 be a one day Synod at St. Paul's Cathedral. The motion was brought by Fred Leggett and seconded by Fr. Jim Allemier that the Synod be scheduled for October 17, 2009. The day would start with Eucharist at 9:00am in the Lady Chapel with the business meeting starting at 10:00am. The Bishop will appoint a Planning Committee.

Report of the Treasurer

Mike Renner reported that the offices of the Bishop are now equipped with phones, faxes, computers and furniture. He will work with Lisa Carter, Assistant Treasurer with the Cathedral to move transactions from the Cathedral to the Diocese of Quincy. Items of both income and expense have to be balanced and moved to the records of the Diocese. The National Church has made one payment to the account of the Diocese so expenses can be paid.

Report of the Chancellor

Tom Ewing was not available for the meeting. The Bishop noted that the Southern Cone lawsuit was answered on Friday, May 22, 2009 in Adams County. Questions were asked about the whether the Trustees of the Endowment funds should meet. A chairman of the Trustees has not been elected.

A motion was brought forward by Fr. Jim Allemier and seconded by Dr. Lin Goldstone to ask The Chancellor to write letters to the Banks to suggest funds are in dispute and that the banks should not allow withdraws until the accounts in dispute are settled. Two such accounts mentioned were Ingersol Trust of St. Peters in Canton and the Endowments of Grace Church, Galesburg.

Minutes to The Standing Committee

A letter from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Springfield was read, requesting consent for the election of Bishop Coadjutor. A motion was made by John Blossom and seconded by Lin Goldstone to give our consents. A brief discussion followed including an explanation of the difference between a Bishop Coadjutor and a Suffragan Bishop. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion tabled our the April 21 meeting to consider consent for the Rev. Kevin Forrester, bishop Elect of the Diocese of Northern Michigan was brought up for reconsideration. A motion to table again was defeated. John Blossom moved and Toby Leigh seconded that we consider consent to this election. After discussion and sharing of views a vote was cast, consisting of two ayes and three nays and one abstaining. Consent was not granted.

The President asked the Standing committee to consider an extension of the contract for services of our Provisional Bishop, The Rt. Rev. John Clark Buchanan, to continue through the month of October 2009. A motion was made by Robert Dedmon and seconded by "the rest of the committee: to honor this request, and passed unanimously with strong feeling of support and praise for his wise leadership.

Dean Dedmon announced that Deacon Brendan Liddell has be assigned to serve at St. Paul's Cathedral. Transitional Deacon Thomas Stone has inquired about serving in the Episcopal Diocese of Quincy, having decided not to remain affiliated with the Anglican Diocese of the Southern Cone. The Dean reported that having no access at the present time to the personnel files now houses in the Diocesan Center building across the parking lot complicates the processing of this request.

Anne Fulton asked the president if he might explain the specific responsibilities of the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council at our next meeting. To aid in this Robert Dedmon said that he would provide copies of the Canons.

(Standing Committee minutes respectfully submitted by Canon Laurence Larson, President of the Standing Committee)

The Standing Committee adjourned at 10:45 am and joined the Diocesan Council meeting in progress.

The Joint meeting of the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council was adjourned with a blessing by Bishop Buchanan at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Very Rev. Robert Dedmon
Secretary to the Diocesan Council