

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**  
**Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM**  
**April 3, 2019 9:00a.m.**

Members Present:

The Right Rev'd Michael Hunn, President  
Mr. John Perner, Treasurer (*via Zoom*)  
The Very Rev'd Christopher Adams, Northeast Area Dean (*via Zoom*)  
Mr. Tony Sarconi, Vice Dean, Northeast Deanery  
The Very Rev'd Kristin Kopren, Northwest Area Dean  
Dr. Anne Marie Werner-Smith, Vice Dean, Northwest Deanery  
The Very Rev'd Alan Brockmeier, Southeast Area Dean (*via Zoom*)  
Mr. Frank Gallegos, Vice Dean, Southeast Deanery (*via Zoom*)  
The Very Rev'd Laurie Benavides, Southwest Area Dean (*via Zoom*)  
Mr. Derrick Washington, Vice Dean, Southwest Deanery  
The Very Rev'd Daniel Webster, Interim Dean Cathedral  
The Rev'd Dale Plummer, Convention 2019  
Mr. Tim Kruse, Convention 2019 (*via Zoom*)  
The Rev'd Jim Gordon, Convention 2020  
Ms. Cathy Bailey, Convention 2020  
The Rev'd Canon A. Raymond Raney, CATO & Recording Secretary.  
The Rev. Jan Hosea, Liaison from the Standing Committee

Members Absent with Cause:

Others Present:

Ms. Karen Aubrey, Chancellor for New Mexico

Others Present during presentations:

Mr. John Gaige, former member of Rio Grande Borderland Ministries board.  
The Rev. Joe Britton and Ms. Jane McGuire of St. Michael and All Angels.

**Updates:**

**Budget Roadshows**

Bishop Hunn reported on the Budget Roadshows thus far. Each has been different. The next is Saturday at Rio Rancho. The latest at St. Francis on the Hill was filled with energy and went well. Council members were encouraged to attend.

**Canon to the Ordinary Position**

Bishop Hunn reported the position has been posted and will be open till May 5. One of the updates will be to place the CATO in El Paso as a means of uniting the Diocese. The departure of St. Clement's was not just a financial loss but a loss of the spiritual center for the El Paso and southern deaneries.

**Consultants Report**

Bishop Hunn reported Dupuy Bateman will be meeting with staff for developing the business plan for the Bosque Center and Bishop's Ridge. The process was curtailed

after Mr. Bateman broke his femur.

### **Borderland Crisis Taskforce**

Bishop Hunn reported the Diocese has been hosting 58 asylum seekers since Monday. Volunteers from St. Michael and All Angels and St. Francis, Rio Rancho. The asylum seekers have passed their credible threat interview and been granted the first stage of entry. They are in transit to a specific location with family or friends. Dean Webster thanked Bishop for his report on the Border Crisis. Mr. Washington reported El Paso is overwhelmed with immigrant processing and a plea was issued for infant formula. Bishop Hunn has been in contact with Bishop Jim Gonia to coordinate an ecumenical report. Bishop asked members of Council would take the lead on a Diocesan Task Force. Volunteers will be: Dr. Ann Marie Werner Smith, Fr. Jim Gordon, Mr. Derrick Washington, Ms. Cathy Bailey, the Rev. Laurie Benavides. Staff person Ms. Annette Chavez De La Cruz will coordinate for the diocesan staff. The meeting will be Monday at 4 p.m. via Zoom to discuss the path forward.

### **Borderland Ministries Funding**

Mr. John Gaige joined the meeting to explain the ways in which Borderland Ministries is funded. He related the history of the Rio Grande Borderland Ministries, which dates to 2013.

**ACTION: A motion was approved to express gratitude for the work of the Rev. Mike Wallens, the Rev. Susan Hutchins, the Rev. Canon J.J. Bernal and the Rev. Paul Moore, and ask their participation in the reorganization of the RGBM. Further that that Diocesan Council will direct members of Council to meet and address the issues surrounding the Border and institute the reorganization of the Rio Grande Borderland Ministries.**

### **Asylum Seekers**

Bishop Hunn introduced the Rev. Joe Britton, rector, and Ms. Jane McGuire, senior warden, and asked them to report on their activities concerning asylum seekers. Fr. Britton reported on the “take a bus” program through Catholic Charities in providing hospitality for asylum seekers while in transition. About 100 volunteers offered help at the Bosque Center for the 58 asylum seekers, mostly families with young children. Fr. Britton expressed gratitude to Bishop Hunn and the diocesan staff for their assistance. Ms. McGuire reported immigrants came from Guatemala, Honduras and as far away as Brazil with little resources. Many of the churches in Albuquerque and Albuquerque Interfaith, Congregation Albert and others have provided assistance. Ms. McGuire suggested national money should be available to help fund the efforts for reimbursements of diocesan funds. Fr. Britton told of the Spanish Eucharist organized by Bishop Hunn. Ms. McGuire explained this is a stopgap measure and it is a national issue that needs to be addressed. Bishop Hunn expressed confidence funding will come.

### **Convention Business**

Convention Location – 2020

St. Bede’s, Santa Fe, has offered to host Convention 2020. The matter was discussed and no decision was made at this point due to the matters that have yet to be decided.

Format – 2019

Thursday Eucharist, Friday business with breakout sessions, Saturday morning and adjournment at noon.

- Should there be a plenary speaker? If so, suggestions (*Allows for Clergy Continuing Education*)  
**Bishop Hunn will be the plenary speaker.**
- Should there be breakout sessions? If so, how many? Topic(s)? (*Allows for Clergy Continuing Education*)  
**Suggested topics:** Active shooters, Background checks and best practices, Stewardship, Membership, Social Media, communications, Electronic giving, What's working in your Parish?, Ministry Fair, Discernment of Deacons. Ask the Diocese what they want to know., Borderland Ministries, Asset Map.  
**Also Information sessions prior to convention:** Budget, Camp Stoney, Borderland,
- Social hour on Friday evening (immediately following Friday adjournment)? Or Friday evening dinner for all attendees at the Conference Center or dinner on their own?  
**Dinner together Friday evening.**
- Confirmation of opening Eucharist on Thursday evening  
**Confirm Eucharist Thursday evening.**

#### **Registration Fee for Visitors**

- As in prior year's, visitors paid the same registration fee as delegates?  
**Yes. Visitors pay registration pay fee.**

#### **Registration Fee for Ex-Officio/Lay Members of Diocesan Council, Investment Board, Standing Committee, etc.**

- As in prior year's, these individuals paid their own registration versus the DRG waiving and absorbing it.

**Yes. Ex-Officio members will pay. Waivers will be considered for financial hardships.**

#### **Budget priorities expansion by Council:**

- Supporting Congregations So They Thrive:
  - Sliding scale on Fair Share;
  - Structure of Fair Share;
  - Providing programs from other dioceses
  - Re-grouping budget categories under Support for Congregations
  - Redefining the budget under the priority categories
  - Emphasize the Asset Map (perhaps as a Plenary session)
  - Enculturating Evangelism: What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry
  - EYE 2020 to ensure all who want to can go
  - Connections to other youth who are Episcopalian
  - Support for Youth and Young Adult Missioner
  - Inquire what Youth and Young Adult want/need
  - Re-Imagining Campus Ministry

- How to attract youth
- Programs to reach out and attract youth
- Include Children and young children
- Diocesan standardized Sunday School curriculum
- Diocesan Christian Education resources for youth and young adults
- Youth retreats, youth discipleship, mission trips
- How to Tell the Truth to the young about real issues

The remaining priorities will be considered at the next meeting.

Council was asked to submit written considerations to Canon Raney to be included in the draft minutes. Other issues brought up during the road shows has been Elderly and Veterans and Homeless.

- Indigenous Ministry
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- Hispanic/Latino Ministries
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- Borderland Ministry
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**Next Meeting:  
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center  
June 19, 2019 10:00a.m.**