

**Meeting of the
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
June 19, 2019 8:30a.m.**

Members Present:

The Right Rev'd Michael Hunn, President
Mr. John Perner, Treasurer
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
The Very Rev'd Laurie Benavides, Southwest Area Dean (*via Zoom*)
Mr. Derrick Washington, Vice Dean, Southwest Deanery
The Rev'd Dale Plummer, Convention 2019
Mr. Tim Kruse, Convention 2019
The Rev'd Jim Gordon, Convention 2020
The Rev. Jan Hosea, Liaison from the Standing Committee
The Rev'd Canon A. Raymond Raney, CATO & Recording Secretary

Members Absent with Cause:

Mr. Frank Gallegos, Vice Dean, Southeast Deanery
Ms. Cathy Bailey, Convention 2020

Others Present:

Ms. Karen Aubrey, Chancellor for New Mexico (*via zoom*)
Dr. John Fortunato, Dr. Vic Rizzo, the Rev. J.P. Arrossa, Ms. Lisa Katz-Ricker,
members of the Budget subcommittee of the Treasury Committee.

Diocesan Convention 2019

Council consensus that the breakout sessions would be conducted "gratis."
The budget priorities will guide the breakout sessions. In order of voted priority:

- Stewardship and Electronic Giving (10)
- Social Media & Communications (9)
- Borderland (9)
- Membership (7)
- Active Shooter (2)
- Discernment of Deacons (1)
- Ask the Diocese what you want to know (1)

Consensus will require those giving reports at Convention will be as video.

Diocesan Convention 2020:

Council ratified the Email Vote accepting the invitation of St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Santa Fe, to host the 2020 Annual Convention.

Bishop's Report to Diocesan Council

- Bishop announced he has called the Rev. Canon Lee Curtis as the next Canon to the Ordinary. He will be based in El Paso and will begin work August 19.

- Update: Borderland Crisis Taskforce

Bishop called a meeting of Borderland to reimagine the ministry. The Borderland committee is working on setting up a network for ministry to look at everything happening along the border. He also is talking with Episcopal Relief and Development about possible funding to assist with the Asylum Seekers as a disaster declaration by the Bishop. A proposal for ERD is being developed. The U.S.-Mexico agreement may impact the flow of Asylum Seekers. The next Borderland summit in Arizona will be in November. Rev. Plummer commented that Human Trafficking has moved into the Roswell area and asked that it be a part of the effort. Mr. Washington commented the flow of Asylum Seekers has not decreased. Bishop described the probable focus of ERD funding would be a short-term employment of a crisis coordinator to network and organize the diocesan efforts.

He announced St. Paul's, Marfa, has received a \$38,000 grant from the United Thank Offering.

- Update: Episcopal Church Waiver

Bishop reported on his request for a waiver for the next triennium from the payment of the national asking.

2020 Diocesan Budget

Bishop introduced Budget Subcommittee, and opened the meeting to them to give an overview of the priorities for the budget and then to work through numbers later. A video presentation will be made to introduce the budget. He introduced the Rev. Jan Hosea to facilitate the budget discussion.

Overview of Budget priorities

- Support Congregations so they thrive – THRIVE
Discipleship, Vestries, Growth, Stewardship, Communications, Social Media, Evangelism/Outreach, Spiritual Depth, Diversity, Leadership, Contributing to the Public Good. Life Cycle
- Youth and Young Adults and Families (under 40)
Ministering to millennials, Camp as formation, how to reach out, DRG support, develop new strategies, CE curriculum; Social Action, Leadership (Millennial); Campus Ministry network, Outreach/Programs 20+, EYE
- Indigenous Ministry
Navajoland, Doctrine of Discovery; Education/Cultural Understanding;
Curriculum for adult, youth; Dialogue/How we are seen; Understanding Needs; concrete assistance; collaboration with ordinand education; Iona – seminary.
- Hispanic and Latino Ministry
Understanding perceptions; R.C. Community; Bi-lingual Services; Clergy Continuing Education; Latino/Hispanic Competency Course; programs for non-speakers; Liturgical events (ie. Los Posadas), reflecting culturally Hispanic/Latino in Liturgy and Music.

- Borderland Ministry
Responding; Grants (UTO); Discipleship/Evangelism; expanding the mandate to ICE & Border Patrol; expanding communications – DRG – Network – internal & external; truth telling.

Mr. Perner distributed copies of the 2020 draft budget. The Rev. Arrossa was introduced and asked to provide an initial overview prior to dealing directly with the numbers. Rev. Arrossa explained the process. Dr. Fortunato added details of the reorganizational matters.

In Revenue: the Settlement Fund has dissipated. No revenues from the Bosque Center or Bishop's Ridge were included. Fair Share was increased slightly as a function of growth.

For Mission Funding, based on a five-year budget plan, funding was reduced by 20%.

The budget provides two 2020 budget columns that is not an either/or choice but as possibilities. Among the possibilities are a curacy program in the Diocese beginning with a pilot program in the Big Bend area. He delineated the various areas of the expense budgets and the committee's consideration of the line items.

Following the overview, Council members engaged in a free-ranging discussion of budget numbers to outline the budget.

Next Meeting:
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center
August 14, 2019 10:00 a.m.