Meeting of the
DIOCESAN COUNCIL
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
November 20, 2019  9:00 a.m.

Members Present:
The Right Rev’d Michael B. Hunn, President
Ms. Cathy Bailey, Vice President, Convention 2020
Mr. John Perner, Treasurer (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 Laurie Benavides, Southwest Area Dean (via Zoom)
Mr. Derrick Washington, Vice Dean, Southwest Deanery
The Very Rev’d Dale Plummer, Southeast Area Dean
Mr. Frank Gallegos, Vice Dean, Southeast Deanery (via Zoom)
The Rev’d Corinne Hodges, Convention 2021
Mr. Tim Kruse, Convention 2021 (via Zoom)
The Rev’d Jim Gordon, Convention 2020 (via Zoom)
The Rev’d Canon Lee Curtis, Canon to the Ordinary (via Zoom)

Members Absent:
The Rev’d Jan Hosea, Liaison from the Standing Committee
The Very Rev’d Frederick “Mac” Brown, Northeast Area Dean

Others Present:
The Rev’d Canon A. Raymond Raney, Recording Secretary (via Zoom)

Orientation:
Bishop Hunn turned the meeting over to Cathy Bailey, Council Vice President, who led Council in a get-acquainted exercise concerning spiritual gifts. Canon 5 of the Diocesan Canons were read the Canon aloud. Council signed Conflict of Interest Policy

Election of officers:
Council elected Cathy Bailey as Vice President.
Council elected Laurie Benavides and Tim Kruse as members of Executive Committee.
Council will elect a Secretary at the next meeting.

Bishop’s Report to Diocesan Council
Bishop explained the changes in the organization of the staff. Congregational Vitality Team Canon Curtis, Archdeacon Patty Soukup and Lisa Katz-Ricker. The Hospitality Team over Bishop’s Ridge and the Bosque Center is Christopher Jewell working with Chef Jerry Gallegos and Toye Robertson. Staff meetings alternate between whole staff and Team meetings weekly. Catherine Lind left the Bosque Center in October and management direction is being reconsidered.
Canon Curtis explained the strategy and organization of the ministry at the Border. The areas of ministry are the two shelters at parishes in Juarez under Padre Hector.
A priest from the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rev. Christina Rathbone, is assisting at the border to work with migrants in El Paso and Juarez. She has organized a cadre of teachers who
are teaching up to 60 children. She will be sponsored after her sabbatical ends with funding from donations to the border ministry. He commended Mike Wallens for the work in the Big Bend. He also commended Marietta Anschutz who is helping with managing donors and fund raising. Feeding 150 people a day for $5@ will cost $250,000 a year, and she is assisting the Diocese in the effort in donor management and database. Bishop Hunn announced the appointment of the Rev. Frederick “Mac” Brown, rector at Taos, as Northeast Area Dean to replace the Rev. Christopher Adams, who resigned. Additionally, the Rev. Dale Plummer has been appointed Southeast Area Dean.

Updates:
Council approved the Mission Development Initiative document as amended and tasked the Archdeacon to form a council of deacons to review and decide which of the applicants will receive grants with final review and approval by the Canon to the Ordinary.

The Youth Missioner job description, which was approved by Standing Committee, was Bishop Hunn reviewed the process and requirements for the position.

Transition Report
Canon Curtis reviewed the Transition Report for St. Alban’s, El Paso, and Good Shepherd, Silver City. Interims are being sought for St. Andrew’s, Las Cruces, and St. Mary’s, Albuquerque.

Mission Status – St. Christopher’s, El Paso
Canon Curtis reported St. Christopher’s, El Paso, had a shortfall, and to cover the loss from the mission fund, St. Christopher’s would need to be moved to mission status to be able to assist them. Membership is increasing, giving is stagnant. He will be working with them moving forward. He has discussed the issue with the Vestry at St. Christopher’s and they do not oppose the transition.

Council advised Bishop Hunn concerning St. Christopher’s, El Paso, and consented to the re-designation of the congregation as a Mission of the Diocese.

Together:
The Subscription Rate for Together for 2020 was set at $20 a year starting with the March-April issue.

Next Meeting:
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center
January 29, 2020 via Zoom  10:00 a.m.