

## **Executive Council Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2013**

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Approved September 28, 2013

+ = person in Holy Orders

Place: Trinity Church, Fort Worth

Present: Christopher, DeChant, Dennis, Eichenberger, Fagley, Gitane+, Hathaway, Hicks, High+, Mabry, Marks+, McClain+, Meeks, Shipp, Slaughter+, Snyder, Todd, Walker.

Ex Officio: Coggin+, McKneely, Prentiss, Sherrod, Wells

Absence notified: Ankele, Barnett, Henderson, Hill

Guests: Don Parks, St. Alban, Arlington; Elinor Normand, Trinity, FW

1. Bishop High opened the meeting with prayer at 10:00 A.M. sharp.
  2. Members engaged in Bible study.
  - 3, 4. Slaughter moved, Fagley seconded, approving the minutes of 03/16/2013, previously distributed. Carried.
  5. Bishop High reported on several matters for the Management Group.
    1. EC will meet next September 28 at All Saints, FW.
    2. The December 7 EC retreat will take up one day, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., location TBA.
  3. J.D. Todd reported on 2013 diocesan convention planning. He moved for the planning committee that the Council establish October 4, 2013 as the deadline for regular registration of delegates, alternate delegates, and clergy for the 31st annual diocesan convention. Additional fees will be incurred for late registration after October 4. Registration is not complete without full payment of registration fees; and that timely registration and payment of convention registration fees is an obligation of each congregation represented at the annual convention. Registrants who wish to pay their own registration fees are encouraged to reimburse their congregations by separate donations. Carried.
- On behalf of the 2014 diocesan convention planning committee, Don Parks reported on progress. The team has selected Texas Rangers Ballfield at Arlington, Diamond Club, to host the convention. Fagley moved, Gitane seconded, that the Executive Council authorize the committee to negotiate final arrangements with the Texas Rangers Ballfield at Arlington Diamond Club to host the November 14-15, 2014, convention and to pay the Club's requirement of up to thirty per cent (30%) of the estimated total cost as a deposit. Carried.

4. The bishop further told the Council that

- his thinking on the deanery system has not yet settled;
  - that work with a stewardship task force in the making is going forward; and
  - that he hoped members would sign a greeting card to the Nibrara Convocation.
5. The bishop announced the selection of Janet Waggoner+ to serve the diocese as Canon to the Ordinary and transition officer. Canon Waggoner will assume her responsibilities shortly after the first of June.
  6. Elinor Normand reported on the work of the Congregational Development working group.
  7. McKneely reported that the Finance Committee is finding ways to invest idle funds. Hicks presented the quarterly financial report and commented on budget matters. On behalf of the committee, Hicks moved that the Council take no action to reduce the 2013 assessment of All Saints, Weatherford. At the vote, three (3) voted aye, one (1) nay, and seven (7) abstained. Motion carried.
  8. McClain reported on the work of the Structures working group and distributed a summary of its last meeting. He raised the question of the high level of reporting prescribed in Canon 10 and asked for clarification. The bishop agreed to name and work with a small group to deal with the problem and communicate its findings.
  9. Snell has asked to be replaced as convener of the Christian Formation working group. There was no report.
  10. Fagley reported that the Standing Committee is meeting and doing what routine work it can while awaiting the outcome of litigation.
  11. Hazel absent, there was no report from the diocesan Corporation.
  12. Various people reported.
    - Meeks reported that Province VII General Convention deputies would gather in Kansas City in April 2015.
    - Wells reported on litigation and urged patience. Wells further reported on the Constitution and Canons Committee's projected top-to-bottom review of the diocesan constitution and canons, asked members to help generate input.
    - Sherrod raised the question of anti-racism training in the diocese, a process recommended by the General Convention but not done here yet.
    - Gitane commented on an upcoming Day of Discernment.
    - Fagley reported that three Daughters of the King represented the diocese at the recent Province VII gathering and that the DOK will host an assembly in October 2013.
    - Fagley also noted that a team four people has completed Education for Ministry and will celebrate their graduation at St. Luke, FW, on Sunday, June 1. Also J. D. Todd, All Saints, Wichita Falls, and a member of the Council has completed the online EFM program.
    - The bishop announced that Fort Worth Cursillo will host another cursillo in Glen Rose, November 21-24, 2013.
  13. Bishop High adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:55 P.M.

Next meeting: September 28, 2013, All Saints, FW

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce W. Coggin  
Secretary

**Summary of Actions**

Action	Source	Purpose
Motion	Slaughter, Fagley	Approve minutes
Motion	Convention planning committee	Set deadline for convention registration
Motion	Fagley, Gitane	Approve location of 32nd annual diocesan convention and pay certain costs.
Motion	Finance Committee	Take no action on request to reduce 2013 assessment of All Saints, Weatherford