

**Minutes of the
Executive Council Meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
Held May 6, 2017**

This meeting of the Diocesan Executive Council (EC) was called to order by the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes, President, at 9:01 a.m. May 6, 2017.

Place: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas

Members Present: Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes, President
Ms. Judy Brown
Ms. Pat Carson
Ms. Judy Cater, 1st Vice President
Mrs. Martha Curatolo
Ms. Terry Farrelly
Ms. Susan Hulbert
Ms. Gail Jones
Ms. Verdery Kassebaum
Rev. Jeff Martinhauk
Mr. Darryl Peralta, Secretary
Rev. Pam Rieger
Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas, Assistant Secretary
Rev. Timothy True
Canon Julie Young, Treasurer

Members Absent: Mr. Chuck Dick, Chancellor
Rev. Joe Dirbas
Mr. Rom Ituarte, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Michael Reichle
Rev. Tom Wilson

Others Present: Rev. Canon Nancy Holland, Chief of Staff
Rev. Frank Munoz, St. Peter's Del Mar

Welcome: The Rev. Brenda Sol, Rector of St. Andrew's Encinitas, warmly greeted the EC with just a few remarks regarding the location of some parish facilities. She informed us that some of the outdoor facilities were in use today to provide services (Showers of Blessings, haircut etc.) for the homeless but that effort should not disturb our proceedings. Thank you to all of our brothers and sisters at St. Andrew's Encinitas for being such gracious hosts!

Opening Reflection/Prayer: The Rt. Rev. James Mathes, President, opened the meeting with the following prayers:

O Lord, grant us to greet the coming day in peace, help us in all things to rely upon your holy will. In every hour of the day reveal your will to us. Bless our dealings with all who surround us. Teach us to treat all that come to us throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that your will governs all. In all our deeds and words, guide our thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events, let us not forget that all are sent by you. Teach us to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give us strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct our will, teach us to pray. And you, yourself, pray in us. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by St. Philaret of Moscow

A Palm Sunday Prayer

O Christ, the Master Carpenter, who at the last through wood and nails brought man's salvation, wield well thy tools in the workshop of this world, that we, who come rough – hewn to thy bench, may here be fashioned to the truer beauty by thine hand. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advocacy Report on Military Families: The Rev. Frank Munoz, an Assistant Priest at St. Peter's Del Mar and an active duty U.S. Navy Chaplain, briefed the EC on the Marriage Enrichment Day (MED) Program, which is available to parishes as an outreach to Military families. Specific points Fr. Munoz made that underline the need for this program included:

- Failed relationships is the triggering event for 60% of suicides
- The divorce rate in Southern California is 60 – 75%
- Military marriages fail within the first two years at a rate 61.5%, higher than the civilian population
- Divorce has an impact on force morale and operational readiness.

MED's intent is to reduce marital problems, domestic violence, and divorce by offering married military couples a one-day workshop to enhance communication, intimacy, and to resolve conflict. Fr. Munoz concluded his remarks by making it known that MED is now available to any parish who desires to reach out to the military families in their community. He was most clear in stating he is ready to lead as many MED events as possible but due to his workload, sponsoring parishes must perform all associated administrative and logistics tasks to include planning and preparing meals and providing child care services.

Book Selection, *Switch (Chap. 5 – 7)*: The Bishop and 1st Vice-President led a lively and far ranging discussion regarding EC member thoughts on these chapters. Their comments included:

- You can jump start the path by finding what works
- We live life in steps, accordingly change must be incremental
- Previous experience can be a roadblock to change
- Uncertainty is a good thing
- Innovation is imperative to our mission field responsibilities
- Leadership involves taking risks.

Consent Agenda: It was moved (Ms. Brown) and seconded (Ms. Carson) that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion passed by voice vote and the below actions were approved:

- Approval of the EC Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2017
- Committee Reports:
 - Advocacy Team Minutes of April 25, 2017
 - Congregational Resourcing Committee Minutes of May 4, 2017
 - Development Committee Minutes of April 4, 2017
 - Formation Team Flyer – The Authentic Evangelism Seminar
 - Property Committee Meeting of March 28, 2017
- Chief of Staff Report

School for Ministry (SFM) Presentation: The Rev. Tim True took just a few minutes to discuss recent SFM efforts to provide lay formation resources to parishes in the diocese. He then went on to describe Episcopal Evangelism and SFM's effort to support this by providing Authentic Evangelism Seminars. These seminars will be held at St. Margaret's Palm Desert (June 10th) and St. James La Jolla (August 26th) and led by the Rev. Mark Hargreaves and the Rev. Deborah Seles. He then invited all who desire to share the good news of Christ to invite others to attend one of these seminars.

Missional Voices: Ms. Pat Carson and the Rev. Canon Nancy Holland provided the EC with impressions gained while attending the Missional Voices Conference, which was held at Virginia Theological Seminary. Episcopal Evangelism in the Jesus Movement was the conference theme and the following were pertinent comments they had regarding that theme:

- Episcopalians need to reimagine and reclaim evangelism
- Resources used for Sunday mornings also need to go into communities
- We need to engage neighbors who don't look like us
- Sounding and talking like Episcopalians can be excluding to others
- We need to go out where we are uncomfortable
- Evangelism requires us to be better story tellers.

They concluded their remarks by stating that San Diego could be the site of the 2019 Missional Voices Conference.

Treasurer's Report: Canon Julie Young's report was again most positive indicating that our financial condition to date is on track. She concluded with the following:

- The Standing Committee is responsible for developing the Transition Budget and is working on it now
- Lease offers for St. John's Chula Vista school complex have been received
- The field work for the on-going audit has been completed
- No offers have been received for the sale of the Santa Rosa Del Mar holdings
- The Investment Committee will renew its efforts to discern and develop guidelines for socially responsible investing.

Bishop's Report: The Bishop's remarks began with a statement that set the tone for this agenda item; "Life is getting weird, I am feeling it but force myself to be in denial to get through it." His subsequent statements all underlined the deep emotions and sense of nostalgia he is experiencing as he "begins the long goodbye" as Bishop Diocesan. Specific comments included:

- Great Easter season, visitations are going well
- This is the season of ordinations, my last as your bishop
- Writing a briefing book for my successor is like recounting a family reunion
- Stability and financial health at St. John's and St. Luke's and the completion of transition preparations remain priorities.

The Bishop ended by stating he is resolved to remain steadfast in his duties till his time as bishop is ended.

Other Business: The Rev. Canon Nancy Holland, Chief of Staff, took a moment to tell the EC that the theme for the 2017 Diocesan Convention, which will be held at St. Bart's, will be "Mano A Mano in Christ or Hand to Hand in Christ." To emphasize this, the first day of the convention will include the start of a service project that will provide 50K meals to the community. It serves as an example of serving the community that will motivate others to "get their hands dirty for Christ." The Rev. Canon Holland concluded by saying that the convention planning effort is on track and that further updates on their progress will be given the EC as warranted.

Executive Session: To enable the free communication between EC Members, Bishop Mathes called for a motion to go into Executive Session. It was so moved (Ms. Carson), seconded (Ms. Brown), and passed. Because he is the subject of some of the discussion topics, the Bishop and the Diocesan Chief of Staff excused themselves from the room. The subsequent discussion period was led by Ms. Judy Cater, 1st Vice President.

Upon completion of discussions, it was moved (Ms. Brown), seconded (Ms. Kassebaum), and passed that the EC go out of Executive Session. The Bishop and the Diocesan Chief of Staff were cordially invited to return to the room.

Resolutions:

- Resolution 2017-05-01: Restricting \$646,000 for Bishop Housing

**RESOLUTION 2017-05-01
PROCEEDS OF BISHOP MATHES SHARED APPRECIATION AGREEMENT
RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Resolved: That The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego agree to the following: When Bishop Mathes sells his current residence, the shared equity agreement as amended will end per the terms of the contract. The full amount of the proceeds, \$646,000, will be designated for assistance with the next bishop diocesan's housing.

Because this resolution was recommended by a committee integral to the EC, it was immediately brought to floor by the 1st Vice President and subsequently passed by voice vote.

- Resolution 2017-05-02: Rental Assistance to Bishop Mathes

**RESOLUTION 2017-05-02
RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO BISHOP MATHES**

Resolved: That The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego agree to pay 27.35% of Bishop and Mrs. Mathes rent for May and June. Total diocesan expenditure of \$4923.

A motion to accept this resolution was made (Ms. Brown), seconded (Ms. Carson), and passed by voice vote.

- Resolution 2017-05-03: Authority to Sell Diocesan-Owned Vehicle

**RESOLUTION 2017-05-03
Authority to Sell Diocesan – Owned Vehicle**

Resolved: That The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego authorizes the sale of a diocesan-owned 2015 Toyota Prius to Bishop Mathes for \$16,500.

In response to the 1st Vice President's call, a motion to accept this resolution was made (Ms. Brown), seconded (Ms. Cater), and passed by voice vote.

Closing Prayer/Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made (Rev. Martinhawk), seconded (Ms. Cater), and passed. The EC meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. May 6, 2017.

Submitted:

Approved:

Mr. Darryl E. Peralta
Secretary of Convention

The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes
President