

**Diocese of West Missouri – Central Deanery**  
**October 16, 2021**  
**Zoom Video Conference**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am with a prayer offered by The Very Rev. David Lynch, dean. There were thirteen clergy and lay delegates present.

Mtr. Meg Rhodes offered a tour of the work going on to convert space at St. Anne's to accommodate a refugee family. Fr. David noted that there has also been a good response to the need for funds to support bringing sixteen refugees out of Afghanistan and into KC.

Discussion related to refugee resettlement included that congregations in the Diocese of West Missouri are working with KC For Refugees <https://www.kcforrefugees.org/>, which is a local, interfaith organization. Congregations in the Metro-North deanery are also working with [www.dellalamb.org](http://www.dellalamb.org).

The minutes of the September Central Deanery meeting were reviewed. Dean Lynch asked for a volunteer to serve as Central Deanery secretary. There was no response.

The grant request from Christ Church, Lexington was reviewed. After much discussion there were 11 votes in favor of approving this grant and 1 opposed. The grant was approved.

Discussion related to the remaining Central Deanery grant funds - \$6-7,000 remains. Discussion included whether to use the funds to support Episcopal Migration Ministries vs a local organization, and whether to support efforts in KC vs also supporting rural setting ministries. It was noted that we don't anticipate that Afghan refugees will be resettled in rural communities, at least not immediately. It was decided to use the remaining Central Deanery 2021 funds to support *KC for Refugees*. Fr. Larry Ehren and Mtr. Meg Rhodes will contact *KC for Refugees* related to this funding. Ehren will also reach out to Gary Alman related to this action and to related activities for publication in *New Spirit*.

Deacon Brock Slabach noted that the Diocese of West Missouri convention is coming up on November 6<sup>th</sup> with a celebration in honor of Bishop Field and Canon Rottgers on 11/5. Paper ballots (not scantron) will be used for those in house. Electronic voting for those online. At this time 107 delegates have registered to attend in person and 50-60 to attend online. The convention votes will be taken on resolutions including the resolution proposing that Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce be called to serve as bishop provisional for 2-3 years. There will be elections for Standing Committee and for Diocesan Council. Please visit <https://office.diowestmo.org/2021-annual-convention/> for more information about the 132<sup>nd</sup> convention of the Diocese of West Missouri including the slate of candidates for Standing Committee and Diocesan Council, and for the resolutions received prior to convention.

The dean called for adjournment at 10:55 am. Fr. Isaac Petty offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mtr. Anne Meredith Kyle  
Acting Secretary