

The 92nd Annual Meeting
Of the Members of the FUND for the Diaconate
Of the Episcopal Church in the United States
Minutes

October 7, 2019

*The Fund for the Diaconate of the Episcopal Church in the United States
To be a channel of God's grace in enabling the diaconate to flourish-
one deacon, one ministry, one community at a time.*

1. Convene: The Annual meeting of the corporation members was convened at the offices of the Church Pension Group, 19 East 34th Street, New York City on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 4:02 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Keith McCoy.

a. Chaplin Pam Nesbit opened the meeting by remembering that this is the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur and remembering the names of deacons who have died in the past year.

i) Necrology report (Attachment 1)

b. Quorum present: Deacon Keith McCoy, President; Deacon Robert Franken, Treasurer, Deacon Pam Nesbit, Vice-President, Deacon Louise Thibodaux, Secretary, Deacon Chizoba Nwankwo, Deacon Geraldine Swanson, Deacon Theresa Lewallen, staff.

i) McCoy and Deacon Anne Pillot, the Fund's communications director, were appointed tellers.

i). Members present by proxy: 636 (615 by electronic ballot, 21 by mailed or in person ballot).

2. Approval of minutes. The minutes of the 91st Annual meeting held on October 6, 2018 were approved. Motion: Franken, Second: Lewallen. Approved unanimously. The minutes will be posted to the Fund for the Diaconate website.

3. Financial report. Treasurer Franken asked that the financial report be deferred until the scheduled Fund Board meeting on October 8, 2019.

4. Elections.

a. Nomination Committee Report. The report of the nominating committee was given by Thibodaux. Thirteen deacons were contacted and asked to consider placing their names in nomination. Seven nominees were selected for the ballot; the remaining names were retained by the Secretary so that these deacons might be contacted in the future.

b. Ballots were distributed using the Election Buddy software and by mailed ballot.

c. Report of the tellers. A total of 636 valid ballots were cast. The results of the election are as follows:

Green	187 electronic; 12 paper. Total 199
Klingensmith	238 electronic; 8 paper. Total 246
Nelson	278 electronic; 9 paper. Total 287
Nordwick	279 electronic; 5 paper. Total 284
Nwankwo	209 electronic; 7 paper. Total 216
Swanson	313 electronic; 11 paper. Total 324
Yakubu-Madus	231 electronic, 10 paper. Total 241

Swanson, Nordwick and Nelson were each elected to serve a three-year term on the Board beginning in January 2020. Klingensmith was elected to complete a vacant 2-year term. McCoy will contact the successful candidates and will post the election results on the Fund webpage. The unsuccessful candidates will be informed of the election results by the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

d. Evaluation the nomination and election process: The use of the Election Buddy software increased participation from 250 ballots (2018) to 636 ballots in 2019--an increase of over 200%. Despite the use of electronic balloting, over 500 paper ballots still needed to be mailed. There remained some problems with incorrect e-mail addresses provided from the Association for Episcopal Deacons list, but these were corrected as balloting proceeded. The process will undoubtedly go more smoothly next year.

5. Old Business. None.

6. New Business. Because the scheduled date for the 93rd Annual meeting in 2020 falls on the Columbus Day holiday, it may be advisable to move the date of the meeting to Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The Board should consider this matter in their next meeting.

7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Moved Franken; seconded Nesbit, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

The Ven. Louise Thibodaux, Secretary

Next meeting: (tentative) Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

