

Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Attendance:

Done, Mowers, Gunter, Fine, Prather, Jones, Leannah, Troutman Miller, White, Hallisey, Ehrmann

Minutes from last meeting

Moved – Mowers

Second – White

unanimous

Prayer: Tammy

Camp Webb – Margaret

The Diocese of Fond du Lac is making arrangements to hold a hybrid camp this year. There will be an online version of camp this year. If it is safe and feasible to go ahead with an in-person camp there will still be an online component.

Their in-person camp would be held at Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI, from June 20 – July 3.

The Diocese of Milwaukee is not committed to Camp Lutherdale for 2021. No contract has been signed. No deposit has been placed.

The Diocese of Milwaukee has two options at this point:

Hold our own camp at Lutherdale

Offer our campers the opportunity to participate in the programming being provided by the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

The Standing Committee will have a final conversation with The Rev. Lars Skoglund, and Ms. Kristen Wold and then conduct a vote via email to make a final decisions between the two options.

Addendum - Camp Webb

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Milwaukee was polled via email on February 11 and 12, on whether or not to offer our campers the opportunity to participate in the programming being provided by the Diocese of Fond du Lac.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

St. Francis House

The St Francis House Board is preparing to post a job description for a full time Chaplain position.

The Rev. Don Fleischman is currently serving as the half time Chaplain, and as the half time Priest in Charge at St. Luke's in Madison.

The Rev. Don Fleischman has indicated that he wishes to apply for the full time Chaplain position at SFH.

The Standing Committee has no objection to the Rev. Fleischman being considered for the position. His time and experience in Madison, as an employee of the UW, and as part time Chaplain at SFH represent a set of resources that will prove important and valuable to the full time Chaplain.

The Standing Committee believes that the choice of Chaplain belongs in the hands of the SFH Board and is not prepared to make a recommendation in the selection of the next Chaplain.

The decision to call The Rev. Fleischman, or to conduct a full search to fill the position is in the hands of the SFH Board.

The Standing Committee entered into Executive session to discuss personnel matter

Revisioning Task Force-

The Rev. Ann Hallisey, the search consultant engaged by the Standing Committee, has worked with The Rev. Scott Leannah, and the Rev. Andy Jones to create a list of people she would like to invite to begin preparing for the search for the 12th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee.

The Standing Committee reviewed the list and made some changes and adjustments to better reflect the makeup of the diocese.

The Rev. Leannah, President of the Standing Committee, will send an invitation to those members of the diocese inviting them to draft a program that can be presented to SC in the next six weeks.

This first step will contain a description of the research work focusing on
Systemic issues

Patterns of relationship between diocesan leader and diocese
Hopes and dreams for the Diocese of Milwaukee in this new season

This working group will be accountable to the Standing Committee, as is our Consultant, The Rev. Ann Halisey.

The Rev. Hallisey believes that we need to begin this work as soon as possible and that we are inviting people to be part of this working group for one year. She is prepared to begin this work via zoom, but hopes to be able to travel to the diocese in the near future.

The Rev. Hallisey has been in conversation with Bishop Jeff Lee, and he has stated his desire to be part of this ongoing work.

The Rev. Hallisey will be meeting with the Diocesan Clergy, via zoom, on Thursday, March 18 - 10am central and is working to schedule several options for meetings with clergy and lay leaders in the diocese.

Parish calls - Margaret

Ms. Margaret Done has created a spread sheet listing Clergy person and senior warden of parishes in the diocese

The spread sheet divides the parishes between the members of the Standing Committee who will make calls to check in using the attached talking points.

Members of Standing Committee should review the list to make sure that we have everyone.

The Standing Committee entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue

Way Forward Task Force

The Reverends Jana Troutman-Miller and Dave Mowers brought several issues from The Way Forward Task Force to the attention of the Standing Committee.

With the ongoing rollout of vaccines – should we allow people to worship together who have been vaccinated?

What kind of inequities does this create – a justice issue

Do we want to differentiate between vaccinated and not vaccinated?

The mind of the task force is that we would not be in the business of differentiating for the principal worship service. But the reality is dawning – there isn't going to be a moment when we all regather at once – it will be the slow turn of the dial – we will all gather in small/weird groups for a while

We don't want to create a justice issue

We have always had shut ins and people who are stuck at home

We still don't know enough about the effect of the vaccine

The Standing Committee acknowledged the grief and difficulties that parishes are experiencing because of the pandemic and the ensuing lockdown and committed to revisiting this conversation as new information becomes available.

We are all working under the same restrictions and we are all extremely anxious for a return to something closer to the old normal.

Prayer was offered by Ms. Celia Fine

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted
The Rev. Andy Jones