

The meeting convened at 6:30pm

Present

Margaret Done, Celia Fine, Marcus White, Jana Troutman-Miler, Bishop Keith Whitmore, Dave Mowers, Tammy Prather, Andy Jones

Absent

The Rev. Scott Leannah

In the absence of the President of the Standing Committee, Mr. Marcus White convened the meeting.

An opening prayer was offered by Ms. Margaret Done

The Standing Committee greeted Bishop Whitmore, with us for the first time as Visiting Bishop.

**Saint Francis House**

The Rev. Andy Jones reported that the Board at Saint Francis House is anticipating a proposal from Ministry Architects consultants for clergy search and ministry start up and restart.

The SFH Board and the SFH Chaplain, The Rev. Don Fleischman, agree that, as it begins its search for a full time chaplain, Saint Francis House needs to enter into a rebuilding or restart program.

Rev. Jones will meet with the representatives from Ministry Architects on March 22, and forward their proposal to both the SFH Board and to the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee will have an opportunity to review the proposal at its March 23 meeting. The SFH Board will meet to discuss the proposal on April 6.

Rev. Jones explained that the partnership between SFH and LZ Development yields yearly revenues that fully fund the operating budget of SFH, with a significant surplus during this season when SFH is operating with a half time Chaplain. SFH Revenues – supporting other campus ministries?

Additionally, as a result of the partnership with LZ, SFH has a sizeable endowment and the proceeds of that endowment have gone untouched for many years.

It was also noted that there is a second endowment, which came from the partnership with LZ, to fund other campus ministries in the diocese.

The Standing Committee believes that there is a real need for campus ministry in the Diocese of Milwaukee and It seems that these funds are not being full utilized.

The Standing Committee added this conversation to its list of issues that need to be addressed in the near future.

### **Reports from Parishes in Transition**

The Standing Committee has been reaching out to parishes in the diocese. One of our points of conversation has been, “What do you want us to share with Bishop Lee when he arrives?”

The Rev Troutman-Miller has offered to create a document in the Standing Committee Dropbox so that we can collect and collate the data we are receiving.

Ms. Tammy Prather, member of the Standing Committee has been asked to work with parishes that are in transition. The Standing Committee heard a report from Ms. Prather about the work that she is doing with several parishes in the diocese.

In the course of this conversation the Standing Committee learned that a parish in the Diocese has been gathering for Public Worship in violation of the Diocesan Guidelines.

The Rev. Jana Troutman Miller, member of the Standing Committee and the Way Forward Task Force will speak to the Priest in Charge for clarification and further information.

### **Standing Committee Zoom Account**

Ms. Tammy Prather has been using a diocesan Zoom Account for work she is doing as a member of the Standing Committee. This has proved inconvenient or difficult on several occasions.

The Standing Committee is in agreement that it should have its own zoom account

Ms. Prather will create one and be reimbursed

**The Standing Committee extended its gratitude and appreciation to The Rev. Dave Mowers** for his authorship of the letter to the Diocese describing the recent shift in Diocesan Covid Guidelines.

## **The Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project**

The Rev. Scott Leannah, Ms. Tammy Prather, and The Rev. Andy Jones reported on their meeting with the Executive Director of the Haiti Project and the President of the Steering Committee. This meeting was facilitated by the Rev. Steve Capitelli who has been serving as the Executive Council's Liaison to the Haiti Project, with the purpose of receiving the resignations of both the Executive Director and the President of the Haiti Project, and recommendations on the future of the Haiti Project.

Those recommendations have now been shared with the rest of the Haiti Project Steering Committee.

It seems that this is the time to take a step back and assess our involvement and participation in Jeannette and in the Diocese of Haiti.

It is time to do a full audit of the ministry.

Questions were raised about the availability of consultants who might help us to manage the issues we are facing in Haiti and as we work to find an ethical way to do something different there.

## **Camp Webb**

Ms. Kristen Wold and The Rev. Lars Skoglund have been working with the staff in the Diocese of Fond du Lac who have embraced and welcomed the Diocese of Milwaukee, its camp staff and campers.

At this time we are moving forward with a plan for in person camp and with an at home camp experience in case that is needed.

There will be a 1 – 4 counselor to camper ratio

There will be good Covid Protocols in place

Ms. Wold is working on an FAQ and a video for our kids telling them what to expect. She is working hard to be sure that our kids feel like they are part of Camp Webb

Erin gave update – a few hiccups getting registration stuff happening  
It's really going well now – on track

Preparations for this summer's camping ministry are in a fantastic place

## **Finance Committee –**

The Rev. Andy Jones offered a report from the February 24 Finance Committee Meeting.

**Prayer was offered by Ms. Celia Fine.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm**

Faithfully submitted  
The Rev. Andy Jones