

The meeting began at 6:30pm

Present: The Rev. Scott Leannah; The Very Rev. Jeff Lee; Ms. Tammy Prather; The Rev Dave Mowers; Ms. Celia Fine; The Rev Jana Troutman-Miller; Ms. Margaret Done; Mr. Marcus White; The Rev. Andy Jones

Prayer was offered by Bishop Lee

Minutes were amended and adopted for February 9 and 20, and for March 9 and 23.

Minutes have been submitted to Sara Bitner

Letter from Deacon's Council

Standing Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter from the Deacon's council

The Diocese's Deacons want to be part of the process of the Diocesan renewal process

A deacon was not appointed to that task force

Letter from Commission on Mission and Development

Standing Committee acknowledges receipt of a letter from the members of the Commission on Mission and Development

They are waiting to see if there is a person on staff that they will be working with.

They will take a break until they are called back to duty And will be ready to reengage when called.

Bishop Lee is keenly interested in meeting with the COMD and further states:

Needs of congregations in development need to be addressed and are very near the top of the Bishop's list

People need to feel like they have a connection

We need to be empowering people to do what they are capable of doing without being micromanaged. We are blessed with good lay skills and gifts

St. Francis House update:

We have a fully executed contract with Ministry Architects.

The contract is for a 38 month partnership working to restart, or replant, the ministry at SFH.

The work will be done in three phases.

The contract includes an option to terminate at the conclusion of the second phase.

Ministry Architects is working to schedule their first on site assessment for late April/early May

**The Rev. Ann Hallisey joins the meeting
Diocesan Consultant Report: The Rev. Ann Hallisey**

There are 12 members of the task force – a majority will meet by zoom on Thursday evening – organizing meeting

The Rev. Hallisey has some ideas about directions that it could take but she does not want to impose her plan on the group

This work is unlike the search process which has specific steps....

This work will be representative of the leadership of the diocese so these folks need to work with Ann on developing the process.

The Rev. Hallisey pointed out that this is a task force of the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee engaged in a fruitful conversation around the following questions:

- How does the Standing Committee see the scope of Ann's work with the diocese?
- What do we want this group to do?
- What are our expectations?
- Are there places we don't want them to go?

The Rev. Hallisey left the meeting

Hospitality Center

Mr. Marcus White has met twice with The Rev. Seth Raymond, Executive Director of the Hospitality Center.

Seth has maintained a good group through COVID

The Hospitality Center is working through the early steps to launching an ambitious campaign for a new location – will be bringing a proposal to SC

It would be a big effort – there is a lot of secular philanthropic support - Marcus White will be working with them

Marcus White shared with the Standing Committee that the Hospitality Center was 100 vaccines today!

Appointment:

- *The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee, serving as Ecclesiastical Authority, hereby appoints The Rev. David Simmons as 'Personal Designee' to the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and hereby appoints The Rev. Kevin Stewart as a further representative to the cabinet for the calendar year of 2021.*

The Motion was adopted by unanimous vote

Provisional Bishop Designee Report: The Rt. Rev. Jeff Lee

A visit to the Hospitality Center is being scheduled – if there is more coordinating to be done – need to be attentive to that

Trying to reach as many folks as possible – one on one phone conversations

Made about 16 of those contacts 5 more tomorrow

Who needs to be at the top of the list?

Met face to face with Jill Heller, Kevin Huddleston – received a tutorial on Trustee of funds and endowments

Met with Scott and Tammy about congregations in transition or distress
Struck powerfully by those needs

The need for congregations to know that they are being cared about

that's more important than whether or not we can affix things

Schedule this week with WFTF

Thursday – Clergy Zoom meeting – putting out some invitations to submit questions before hand

Regular standing meeting with wardens and treasurers

Meeting with chancellor and vice chancellor

Reestablishing weekly staff meetings

Struck by conversations

a theme is emerging of appreciation for this standing Committee
there is a lot of appreciation being expressed for the hard work we are doing

Lots of warm welcome from people

Coming up – service to the larger church

at the behest of the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Lee is chair of Committee Religious Communities - oversees religious orders

Faculty of the college for bishops

also serves that body as Chaplain

In June - supposed to coteach a course in the Dmin program for Sewanee

Swimming fast – top priority is to build relationships in half hour phone calls...

Plan is to join the system as quickly and effectively as he can so the work can be based on some level of trust

How are we doing? Skittishness is out there

Very thoughtful reflection about how we allowed the culture to develop

Encourages and reinforces his desire to shift that culture

Let's practice doing this a different way

Continue to be so grateful to be here – it is another home

Church ought to be fun – at least sometimes

Haiti Project Update: Scott

Having met the Steering Committee of the Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project, and having carefully considered their concerns and suggestions

The Standing Committee, with seven voting in favor and one abstaining, adopts the following:

Proposed course of action for the Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project

April 13, 2021

- Diocesan staff (Fr. Kevin Huddleston), will receive all financial accounts, records, passwords etc. into direct diocesan control. Kevin is working hard to shore up the financial operations of the diocese and is happy to take this on as he works to create a full and complete accounting of all diocesan ministries.
- Until further notice we are suspending the regular operations of the HP Steering Committee. *NOTE: If there are key communications that need to be made, or obligations that have been promised or any other business carried on by the Steering Committee that must happen for the sake of continuity, the Standing Committee will be informed about this by contacting The Rev. Andy Jones.*
- We will support funding for St. Marc's School for 2021-2022 school year, utilizing the funds that the Project already has on hand. Of course, new financial gifts to the ministry will be accepted, but not solicited.
- We will continue to fund clinic operations.
- We will continue to fund the College Scholarship Program until all participants have graduated or discontinued with the program.
- We will focus in the coming year on having very intentional and transparent discussions and planning to explore future possibilities and options for this ministry. Members of the Steering Committee and other stakeholders are welcome to be a part of this process.

In adopting this proposal, the Standing Committee observes that:

We have enough money to cover the school – we will engage in conversation while meeting our financial commitments with our partners

What we do next has to look different and carry a different statement about who we are and what we are doing with this ministry

There is a great resource in ERD for reimagining this ministry

Agreeing to bring in outside help will be a change with past practice

The Rev. Ann Hallisey's work with the Reimagining Task Force might help us with this what is the appetite for this ministry?

It is time to reassess.

Can this be a central part of who we are as a diocese or is it a niche part of our life together

Executive Session:

The Standing Committee entered into executive session to discuss a property matter.

Camp Webb

Ms. Maragret Done reported that registration for Camp Webb is open

There have been questions regarding the availability of scholarships for campers

In the past we have provided scholarships

Language in the sign up materials is vague and we are going to tighten it up when we see if funding exists.

Next Meeting April 20 at 7:00 – one hour meeting

Prayer was offered by Ms. Celia Fine

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm