

## STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2024

1. PRESENT: Roxanne Gaylord, Ruth Ferguson, Richard Little, Floyd Bayley, Bishop Kara Wagner Sherer, Liz Salamone, Nita Byrd, Columba Salamony, Cam Miller
2. The meeting was opened with prayer and the members of the standing committee had a check in.
3. DISCUSSION OF ST PETER'S DANSVILLE: Vestry and leadership provided the required documents to sell a parcel of land to the Village of Dansville,
  - a. The documents included:
    - i. Signed resolution on part of vestry agreeing
    - ii. Appraisal that property
    - iii. Signed purchase and sale agreement stated that sale is contingent up on approval of NY State Court, the attorney general, the bishop and the standing committee.
  - b. Rev. Eric Thompson attended the standing committee meeting to explain reason for transaction
    - i. Church is on land donated by Nathaniel Rochester; some deeds were not easy to find, but county said parcel 56 is St. Peter's property and for 100 years it has been treated as a public park with public events being held on the property that are not related to the church. Eight years ago, Rev. Eric Thompson asked what would happen if someone was hurt from a liability standpoint. They needed certificates of insurance.
    - ii. The Standing committee had no questions per Eric's explanation.
    - iii. The sale of said property will alleviate the liability for the diocese, and will give a sense of clarity for the proper responsibility.
    - iv. Said property will be sold for \$1
  - c. Richard Little moved that the standing committee approve the certificate of resolution for the sale of the property and the move was seconded by Columba Salamony. The motion passed unanimously. Liz will sign and scan the proper documents and send them to Sara Herzog. Todd will take it and add it to the Trustee Agenda, and he will send a set of fully executed documents for the NY State Courts.
4. The standing committee members shared their summer experiences.
5. The minutes were reviewed for approval and a motion was made by Liz Salamone to accept the minutes. Richard Little seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
6. Bishop Kara gave a report
  - a. Wanted suggested that the diocese considers new branding.
  - b. Steve got 3-4 bids for more reasonable options to handle the diocesan website. We need an option with strong data management for convention, forms, clergy directory, etc.
  - c. There was a discussion about changing the wording of the website until we decide on a new logo and vision.

- d. *Would like to go back to profile and send the Standing Committee a draft with simple statements until we start a process for the website revision.*
7. New district dean structure was discussed by Bishop Kara Wagner Sherer.
8. Liz brought up the D&NC gathering for Transition Committee.
  - a. We should reach out to say thank you to the people who were not able to attend the thank you picnic.
  - b. It was important to name that continued healing is needed in the committees.
  - c. Liz asked as a Standing Committee should Liz write notes to everyone. The Standing Committee decided that the picnic gathering invitation was the thank you.
9. The next meeting dates will be Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov changed to early Dec
10. David Justum –
  - a. The question of David Justum's candidacy Interview in September was raised. Will there be a Candidacy Interview in September?
11. Roxanne's daughter Lydia will be interviewed in October and a deacon candidate may be added to the agenda in the future.
12. The Standing Committee needs to outline the responsibilities of Standing Committee for the process of candidacy interviews.
13. Everyone gave a wrap up on the meeting.
14. Bishop Kara invited the Standing Committee to a dinner at her house for the Dec 4 meeting.
15. Someone will attend the September Meeting to discuss redistricting.
16. Richard Little offered a closing prayer.
17. Columba motioned to adjourn and Nita Seconded the motion.