

Sept 25, 2024 Minutes of the Standing Committee

PRESENT: Floyd Bayley, Nita Byrd, Ruth Ferguson, Roxanne Gaylord, Richard Little, Cameron Miller, Ruth Ferguson, Columba Salamony, Liz Salamone, Bishop Kara Wagner Sherer

- 1) The meeting was opened with Prayer by Roxanne Gaylord and the participants gave a check in Round Robin.
- 2) Columba moved to accept the August 2024 minutes and Floyd seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) Bishop Kara gave an update
  - a. We have signed the contract with Red Dog to build a new website. We have updated some of the language on the website. We need to decide if we will keep a separate database.
  - b. Excited about the announcement that Will Engle will be director for finance and administration.
  - c. The building in Canaseraga has sold. The historical society is excited to have the building. Many thanks to Kristy Estey for all her work to get the building cleaned up (and racoon free) before the sale.
  - d. Bishop Kara reported that St. Peter's Dansville has completed all the paperwork and appropriate approvals for the sale back to the village of a small piece of property, which is a public walkway. They will continue to use the space (as do many community groups) but will not have the responsibility for insurance, maintenance, etc.
  - e. Steve's job description now includes preserving our reputation and memories of places which we no longer own and honor the spaces.
  - f. Bishop Kara has visited most of the districts except the northeast district.
    - i. Gave an overview of possible convocations.
    - ii. The change is to make it more efficient to do the deeper work.
    - iii. The Diocesan Council reviewed the various redistricting options and discussed them.
    - iv. Richard asked how will we remember the needs of places that do not have Episcopal churches.
- 4) Ordination Candidates – David Jutsum and Lydia Arnts.
  - a. The Standing Committee (SC) had discussed interviewing David Jutsum again due to CPE not being complete. He was not notified, however.
  - b. Bishop Kara needs to meet David followed by the Standing Committee interview for candidacy. Then he will apply to Bishop Kara for ordination.
  - c. The SC hopes to interview David next month.
  - d. The SC hopes to interview Lydia Arnts next month and Bishop Kara is ready for the Standing Committee to do the interview.
  - e. We need to get the processes more succinct.
    - i. Have someone look at background checks and Safe Church.
    - ii. Someone look at educational transcripts.
    - iii. Look at material from an anti-racism lens.

iv. We are looking for red flags that we haven't paid attention to.

- 5) The Members of the Standing Committee did a round robin to say goodbye to Ruth Ferguson since it was her last meeting.
- 6) The meeting was closed with prayer by Cam Miller.
- 7) Columba Salamony moved that the meeting be adjourned and Richard seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.