

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
The Standing Committee  
23 May 2018

Attendance: Members - Sarah Peters, Michael Hartney (on conference call), Lois Giess, Carolyn Mok, Richard Hamlin, Cameron Miller, Robert Picken (see below); Bishop - Prince Singh

Absent: Susan Woodhouse

The meeting was convened in the Diocesan offices at Saint Peter's Church, Henrietta, New York, at 4.04 p.m.

An opening reflection was offered by Bishop Singh on Acts 10, the acceptance of the Gentiles into the Christian community. Members shared their responses to the passage.

The Agenda was presented. Moved (Carolyn)/Seconded (Cameron) Passed.

The Minutes of April 25, 2018, were presented. Moved (Lois)/Seconded (Richard) Passed.

*[Virginia Mazarella, Priest-in-Charge at Zion Avon (by conference call), members of Zion Avon, Paul Kelly and Kurt Zobel, and CFO Todd Rubiano joined the meeting at 4.22 p.m.]*

*[Robert Picken joined the meeting at 4.26 p.m.]*

Approval for the sale of the Rectory of Zion Avon was presented by the representatives of Zion Avon. Members of the committee asked questions for clarification.

*[The representatives of Zion Avon left the meeting at 4.32 p.m.]*

Moved to approve the sale of the Zion Avon property (Lois)/Seconded (Cameron) Passed.

Redevelopment of Trinity Geneva. Cameron presented the current status of the redevelopment project. The City of Geneva Zoning Board has approved the project and is considering a variance on parking requirements. An appeal by opponents of the redevelopment is expected on the Zoning Board's approval.

Trinity Canaseraga. CFO Rubiano informed the committee regarding a property boundary issue to the church's property. It may require committee action at a future date.

*[CFO Rubiano left the meeting at 4.46 p.m.]*

Consent to the Ordination of Padraic Collins-Bohrer to the Priesthood. The resolution had been unanimously approved via email correspondence and is to be certified at this meeting with the signatures of the Standing Committee. The certification was Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Carolyn) Passed.

The Bishop's report was considered. He presented highlights:

- Numeric growth in the Diocese was noted. Our Summer chapels are now included in the totals. A graph was shared with the committee.
- Transitions: Saint Mark's Newark will have a Priest-in-Charge beginning in June. It will be a full-time position. Saint George's Hilton and Saint Luke's Brockport are in process.
- A partnership with NTID and the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf is enabling the diocese to call a priest for ministry with the Deaf. A priest has already committed to accept the position.
- Trinity Geneva has called Cameron Miller as Rector. A celebration of ministry and blessing of the new storefront presence of Trinity Church will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Our seminarians (3) will be in the Diocese for the summer. They will work in several congregations and participate in outreach.
- RISE Camp will occur this summer as scheduled, despite staff changes. The Rector and Vestry of Saint Mark's Penn Yan, the camp's sponsor, are re-organizing the camp.
- The Bishop will preach at a General Convention Eucharist on July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The planning for an annual Bishop's Appeal continues.

Additional conversation. The Bishop asked, and received, our advice on a few topics.

Positive comments were made regarding the Presiding Bishop's Sermon in Saint George's Chapel Windsor, England, at the Royal Wedding.

A Transitional Deacon of the Diocese of Maryland is living in Rochester while her husband completes his doctoral dissertation. The Bishop will explore whether she can be ordained Priest here and thereafter she could serve a congregation here.

As required by our Behavioral Covenants the committee members shared their feelings regarding the process observed for today's meeting. Words describing today's meeting: candid sharing and listening, energetic but quiet, thoughtful, comfortable honesty, efficient.

Prayer Requests:

Bishop: For Canon Karen Hanson, and the soul of Bishop George Counsell  
Richard: For the souls of Bishop George Counsell and Joanne Droppers (former organist at Saint Philip's Belmont); Strength for his wife, Stephanie.  
Sarah: Thanksgiving for the birth of granddaughter, Elizabeth Sarah Stoll  
Cameron: Thanksgiving for his daughter Ann's, pregnancy  
Carolyn: Thanksgiving for the evangelism of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

The closing prayer/reflection was offered by Sarah.

Motion to adjourn. Moved (Carolyn)/Seconded (Robert) Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Hartney, Secretary