

Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Zoom Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 pm
January 25, 2023

Present: Mr. Floyd Bayley, the Rev. Nita Bird, Mr. Jeremy Cooney, Mr. Michael Davis the Rev. Ruth Ferguson, the Rt Rev Stephen Lane, the Rev Cam Miller, the Rev. Ken Pepin, Ms. Elizabeth Salamone.

Absent: Mr. Jeremy Cooney

OPENING PRAYER Ruth Ferguson

CHECKING IN & COVENTAL: the group went around and shared what's happening in their lives, and each took turns reading a portion of the covenantal practices

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES: Michael motioned and Floyd seconded – all approves December minutes

CONSENT FOR BISHOP OF NEW YORK: Standing Committee unanimously approved consent of Rev. Matthew Foster Heyd as bishop coadjutor of diocese of New York

BISHOP LANE'S REPORT: Steve reported on the impending closure of St. Stephen's, gave pastoral updates & requests for prayer, and clarified questions around the search process with much encouragement for standing committee in the "heavy lifting" we're doing.

UPDATE OF CHECKLIST & CALENDAR: Ken led with updated version of timeline and action items for SC based on SC meeting with Gary Butterworth. Jeremy and Cam working together to find a place for retreats to happen. SC feels positive about meeting the demands of the new calendar.

NEW FOCUS GROUPS: focus groups will work on (1) final search application & process, and on (2) developing a charge to the search committee to be presented at March 1st SC mtg.

STEPS GOING FORWARD: this was a general discussion of moving forward and continuing some of the "update of checklist & calendar" conversation on the agenda. There was still some confusion around what SC does at retreat, how the search team should be comprised, etc. which Bishop Lane helped clear up. Jeremy and Nita agreed to work with Cam on retreat possibilities.

ONCE AROUND: group did a very brief once around, with honest sharing of how we express ourselves when we are tired and feeling pressured, and showed one another support.

CLOSING PRAYER: Floyd offered a closing prayer.

We adjourned at 8:35.

Faithfully,
Ruth

ACTION ITEMS

- Ken P will work with d-staff and Steve R to publicize application and “What We Heard”
- Cam M will “ghost write” an intro to “What We Heard” to go out with it for Ken to edit and approve
- Cam will research retreat center possibilities for the 2 retreats
- Gary will send SC a timeline in writing for our Jan 25 meeting
- ALL OF US will share names for search team and chaplain at Jan 25 meeting, preferably before via email.
- Ruth & Nita will work together on a theological statement to present to SC between its Jan 25 and Feb mtg
- Ken P will work with one of our chancellors for clarity on canons and voting for retired clergy