

Stevenson School for Ministry
Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2020

The Rev. Canon David Lovelace called the meeting to order with prayer and a reflection based on Lao Tzu and Jeremiah 18.

Attendance:

Rob Box, Megan Dembi, Jane Gable, Jay Geisler, Mary Ellen Kilp, David Lovelace, Jane Miron, Michael Nailor, Marsha Roscoe, Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, and David Zwifka.

Business Items:

Update on the school

- ❖ Review of Winter Term (40 students) and Spring Term (60 students): added a Summer Term for convenience of students.
- ❖ Deepening Collaborations
 - LTS Anglican Studies Students -Three of the four will be receiving the first LTS Anglican Studies Certificate; Jen Trenary, Allison Carnahan and Alyssa Pasternack Post. New students will be participating soon.
 - LSS and SSFM Collaborative Mission Center expansion and completion of two new certificate Programs; Marsha has left Synod staff and is pursuing a more entrepreneurial role.
 - Virginia Theological Seminary update-work with Patricia Lyons and next Evangelism Certificate work, and Ellen Johnston VTS faculty for music and liturgy in smaller congregations will at no cost offer a virtual gathering opportunity for musicians and liturgists as we continue our virtual and move into face to face.
- ❖ Learning weekends become Virtual Webinar and Podcasts 2020 with 22 attending the first webinar and 37 attending the second webinar. Podcasts may be great resources for parishes looking for adult formation.
- ❖ Virtual VELI for newer clergy; two sessions, the last one including Lutheran clergy
- ❖ Field Placement and Lay Pastors; although last term there were three, Alyssa Pasternack Post will be working solo with David
- ❖ Curriculum update
 - Lay Canonicals – current courses seem to suffice at the moment
 - Development of Faculty and Student Handbooks – efforts to build cohesion in faculty and learn from others who are practicing virtual teaching and learning.
- ❖ Faculty zoom meetings and Inservice with Julie Lytle-Robyn and Marsha
- ❖ Virtual Youth gathering on Monday evenings; Youth Ministry; Ice Cream Socials

Financials and Long-term Strategy

Rob presented us with financial analysis that shows we are in fairly good shape in light of the crisis of the pandemic. The Board went on record and David Lovelace will communicate to Audrey, Chad and the Finance Committee the need for a stronger liaison.

Additional Issues

Marsha reported on the development of the Lilly Grant which will support the Collaborative Mission Center for five years. Specifically, it is intended for the development of a learning system that is not as complex and costly as Populi. It will also provide funds for Marsha to coordinate and have the title of Director of the Collaborative Mission Center. It will also expand module offerings for Shaped by Faith and The 3 R movement in LSS. LSS includes Lutheran congregational development and formation in 2/3 of PA. We will know by October if we receive the grant income.

The MOU for LTS and LSS will remain the same, with the understanding that Marsha is no longer considered LSS staff, however she works interdependently with LSS for formation.

While the Associate Dean position is for 12 hours per week, we actually need 19 hours per week to accomplish all the necessary work.

Work Groups:

Contribution team: David Lovelace, Jane Gable and myself

Marketing/Communication team: Marsha, Megan Denby and Jane Gable

Recruitment team: Robyn, Jane Miron and Michael

Curriculum Team David Zwifka (no one else volunteered)

We ended in prayer offered by David Lovelace.