Minutes

of the

Standing Committee

**Date:** 8/1/17

**Place:** Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, PA

**Members Present:** John Harwood, Barbara Hutchinson, Bruce Johnson, Sanford Schwartz, Amy Swiernik, Linda Watkins, Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer, Sarah Weedon; Bishop Scanlan; Chad Linder (Canon of Finance and Operations)

* **Call to Order:** 2:00 p.m.
* **Opening Prayer:** Linda Watkins
* **Minutes:** The minutes of the 6/6/17 meeting have already been approved via email.
* **Canon of Finance and Operations:** Chad Linder discussed 1) the sale of the church property in Renovo, requesting a motion to approve; and 2) problems related to the unsatisfied conditions of the Binding Agreement with St. John’s, Lancaster.
* **Trinity Renovo:** Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer moved “that the Standing Committee approve 1) the sale of the Parish House of Trinity Episcopal Church, located at (new address) 137 St. Clair Avenue, Renovo, PA 17044 to the Renovo Council of Churches of an amount not to exceed $1.00; and 2) the sale of the Church itself located at 137 Third Street, Renovo, PA 17044 and the Rectory located at 135 Third Street, Renovo, PA 17044 to a party (or parties) deemed acceptable to the Bishop and the Standing Committee.” Sarah Weedon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
* **St. John’s Lancaster:** After considerable discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to follow the procedures already laid out in the Binding Agreement, which stipulates that the Bishop’s Office set up a meeting “for the purpose of determining how both parties can effectively resolve the issue(s) in a manner that is in the best interest of both the Parish and the Diocese. The meeting would include the Rector, Senior Warden and Junior Warden of the Parish with the Bishop, President of the Standing Committee, and the Canon of Finance and Operations.”
* **Nominations for Standing Committee:** Barbara Hutchinson announced the nomination of four candidates to stand for election at the Diocesan Convention:
* Anthony Alexander, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Harrisburg
* Drew Dorgan, St. John’s, Lancaster
* Patrick Pierce (Retired)
* Jim Strader-Sasser, Christ Memorial Church, Danville
* **Representatives to Commission on Ministry:** Barbara announced that Bruce Johnson and Sarah Weedon will be stepping down as Standing Committee representatives to the Commission on Ministry, and John Harwood and Amy Swiernik have been selected to replace them.
* **Book Discussion:** Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer led the Committee in its continuing discussion of Alan J. Roxburgh, *Structured for Mission: Renewing the Culture of the Church*. The Committee divided into subgroups that selected the most interesting questions arising from the readings; Charlotte will coordinate these selections and use them as the basis of our next discussion.
* **Bishop’s Report:** Bishop Scanlan reported on her recent activities and plans, including
* the current state of the diocesan staff and the further development of policies for staff organization and supervision
* her attendance at the Episcopal Youth Event in Oklahoma City
* the construction of a questionnaire to be sent to church vestries in advance of her second three-year cycle of parish visits
* the Design Team selected to assist in planning meetings and other activities before, during, and after the Annual Convention
* parish news, including the retirement of David Robson, St. Andrew’s, York; the creation of a new parish uniting the congregations of St. Stephen’s, Mt. Carmel and Holy Trinity, Shamokin; the situation at Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill; and the appointment of an Acting Dean of the Cathedral

The Bishop displayed some of the maps, charts, and other data in the recent Bishop’s Report for Province III.

* **Closing Prayer**
* **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 3rd, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Center.