

Minutes of Standing Committee meeting (Draft)

November, 13, 2018

The Standing Committee for the Diocese of East Carolina met at Diocesan House for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 am. Present: Rev. Pamela Stringer (President); Rev. Marcia McRae; Mr. Bob Riche; Mr. Tom Holt. Also present: Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, Bishop of East Carolina. Absent: Rev. Paul Canady (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order, and was opened with prayer led by Pam Stringer. Tom Holt agreed to record minutes Rev. Stringer read into the minutes actions taken by Standing Committee via electronic means during October. Those included the Committee's consent for St. Andrew's Morehead City to demolish a house owned for the benefit of that parish (communicated to the parish via letter from the President dated October 8, 2018) and consent to Church of the Servant to refinance its mortgage debt (communicated to the parish via letter from the President dated October 17, 2018).

The Committee considered a request from Church of the Servant for Committee consent to borrow money from a private source (a parishioner) to purchase a new organ. Upon motion by Bob Riche, duly seconded by Marcia McRae, the Committee agreed to notify the vestry of Church of the Servant that, there being no understanding by the Committee that its consent is required for that parish to proceed, it does not pose any objection to the loan and purchase of an organ as set forth in the supporting documents submitted to the Committee.

The Committee considered an email sent to Bishop Skirving from the Chancellor regarding the experience of St. Paul's Wilmington's request to FEMA for hurricane assistance after Hurricane Florence. FEMA apparently requires financial statements from the record title holder of property, which is the Diocese, and that type of information is generally not made available. The question regarding whether such information should be made available, and the process by which the diocese might be helpful in securing financial aid from FEMA for parishes affected by disasters, was referred to member Bob Riche for further research. Bishop Skirving also indicated a willingness to investigate these questions further and report back to the Committee.

The Committee considered a request from Holy Trinity Fayetteville for permission to proceed with the granting of an easement to Piedmont Natural Gas for the purpose of locating and maintaining a gas rectifier on a corner to the church property. Upon motion, duly seconded, the Committee voted to give its consent, with the understanding the any proceeds received from Piedmont Natural Gas for the easement would be paid to the parish. The matter was referred to the Chancellor for any further action necessary to complete the transaction.

The committee considered a request from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti for consent to the Election of Joseph Kerwin Délicat to be Bishop Coadjutor. The Committee consented to that election.

The Committee considered, and gave its consent, for ordination to the Priesthood to Stephen Batten and Adam Pierce.

The Committee considered, and gave its consent, for ordination to the Transactional Deaconate, to Cheryl Brainerd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Holt