“To You All Hearts Are Open”

**The 2018 Executive Board**

**Meeting No. 3**

**June 21, 2018**

Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Minutes of Meeting:**

**Board members present:** The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, the Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, the Rev. Ellen White, Ms. Janet Taylor, the Rev. Sean Rousseau, Mr. Bob Steventon, the Rev. Lee Hutchson, Mr. Jack Schick, Ms. Ann Brown, the Rev. Daniel Robayo, the Rev. Cayce Ramey, Mr. Steve Clifford, Ms. Diane Miller, the Rev. Sarah Colvin, Ms. Deborah Taliaferro, the Rev. Ben Maas and Ms. Cindy Helton

**Board members absent:** The Rev. Kathleen Sturges and Mr. Roger Inger.

**Diocesan Staff present:** The Rt. Rev. Bob Ihloff, the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, the Rev. Deacon Ed Jones, Mr. Ted Smith, Mr. Bill Martin, Ms. Julie Simonton and Ms. Kate Wettstein

Bishop Johnston opened the meeting with prayer and a collect at 10:10 a.m.

Bishop Johnston welcomed the Rev. Cass Bailey from Trinity, Charlottesville, and Ms. June Huber, the president of Alexandria Region.

Bishop Johnston thanked the Rev. Jo Belser and her staff at Church of the Resurrection, Alexandria, for their hospitality in hosting today’s meeting. He asked Ms. Belser to share some information about the Church of the Resurrection.

Ms. Belser noted that the church is located on the western edge of the city of Alexandria, an area with many apartments and a high percentage of recent immigrants. A key challenge is that Alexandria has lost about 90% of its affordable housing in the last decade. Her church includes parishioners of color in their 40s, some with limited means, as well as more affluent retirees in their 70s and 80s. The average Sunday attendance is about 90. There are several retirement facilities nearby, including Goodwin House next door. The Virginia Housing Development Authority has granted tax credits to a workforce housing project to be built on the church property, which will consist of 113 units. A 5,000 square foot new church facility will be part of the development. Church of the Resurrection is also committed to its feeding station, which serves an average of 700 people on the last Saturday of each month. The parish is preparing for a mission trip to take food to Emmanuel, Woodstock, in the Shenandoah Valley as a way of helping that congregation to establish a feeding/food pantry ministry of its own.

**Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2018 meeting**

Bishop Johnston asked for questions and clarifications. Hearing none, he called for the question.

**Mr. Jack Schick moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Steve Clifford seconded the motion. The minutes of the board meeting of April 12, 2018, were approved without objection.**

**Bishop Johnston’s report**

Bishop Johnston shared a letter with the board members indicating that the Trustees of the Funds (TOTF) board will not support an agreement that had been negotiated with the Diocese to resolve the impasse over the management and performance of the TOTF. A similar letter also had been sent to each board member by the chairman of the TOTF board. There was a great deal of discussion about the current state of the relationship with the TOTF.

**At the end of the discussion, Mr. Clifford moved and Mr. Jack Schick seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution:**

**Resolved: While it is still the desire of the Executive Board to reconcile with the Trustees of the Funds, and we ask the parties to continue mediation, the Executive Board authorizes the Executive Committee of the Executive Board to initiate an orderly withdrawal of all diocesan funds from the pooled investment vehicle and the STAMP program of TOTF at the discretion of the Executive Board. However, such decision is without effect unless the Bishop consents to such withdrawal.**

**The motion was adopted unanimously.**

**Meeting Bishop Ihloff**

Bishop Ihloff introduced himself and commented on how much he enjoyed meeting with the regional presidents and finding out about the newly reconfigured regional structure. He is excited about getting to know many of the priests in the Diocese. He feels called to mentoring priests and has been very pleased to meet people during his visitations, which have been mainly in Northern Virginia. He and his wife live in Baltimore. The bishop comes down to the Northern Virginia office at The Falls Church about once a week and to Mayo House twice a month. His strengths are in teaching and preaching, as well as working with clergy and congregations. Bishop Ihloff has a talent for dealing with conflict management situations. How long he will be working with the Diocese in his part-time job is an open-ended question at this time. Bishop Johnston expressed his gratitude to Bishop Ihloff for being flexible during this time of transition.

**Report of the Bishops**

Bishop Johnston discussed the two letters he recently sent to the Diocese. The first letter announced the cessation of the search for a second Bishop Suffragan. He commended Diane Miller for her work as chair of the Nominating and Search Committee.

The second letter dealt with the Bishop’s decision to retire earlier that he originally anticipated for personal and family reasons. He hopes to send another letter to the Diocese within the next few weeks, which will offer more details about his plans. Given this new time line, he also announced that he is stopping the process of developing a five-year strategic plan, leaving that work for his successor.

Given the lengthy discussion about these matters, Bishop Goff said she would postpone her presentation on the church-plant congregations until another time. She announced that today, in the District of Columbia, there is an all-day prayer vigil about family unity, with additional rallies planned for June 30. She invited everyone’s prayers for the protection of vulnerable families. In particular, she asked for prayers for the over 2,000 children who have been separated from their families and are currently being housed in detention facilities around the country.

**Report of the Canon to the Ordinary**

Bishop Gulick stated hat he enjoyed his four-month retirement but he was happy to be back working in the Diocese as the interim Canon to the Ordinary until the Rev. Canon Pat Wingo’s replacement can be found. He is working with other staff members on Title IV issues, many of which he had been involved with before his retirement.

**Report of the Secretary**

Mr. Jones announced that the Parish Vitality Day is scheduled for this coming Saturday, June 23, at Aquia, Stafford. Ms. Julie Simonton is spearheading this event and reports that 80 attendees already have registered. The goal is to top 100 by the beginning of the event. Mr. Jones also noted that, if anyone has suggested topics for workshops or programming at the November Annual Convention, please contact Ms. Simonton.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Mr. Ted Smith reported that the Budget Committee of Convention has been formed and will begin work its work soon. He stated that budget requests are due on August 31 and that the forms are on the website. He is currently working on the internal diocesan budget for 2019.

**Regional Reports and Budgets**

Bishop Johnston noted that the regional reports had been sent out in advance. Additionally, Mr. Schick announced that the Rev. John Ohmer has removed one of the original stepping stones at The Falls Church and given it to the Falls Church Anglican congregation as a sign of reconciliation. Mr. Steventon noted that St. Paul’s, Alexandria, is re-consecrating its current building in celebration of its 200th anniversary. Ms. Helton announced that the ECW is preparing for its fall meeting at Epiphany, Oak Hill. Part of the program will be a presentation and discussion of the Triangle of Hope.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to bring before the board.

**New Business**

Bishop Johnston introduced the Rev. Cass Bailey to present Trinity, Charlottesville’s request to move from mission to full parish status.

According to Mr. Bailey, Trinity was established as a mission in 1919 from Christ Church in downtown Charlottesville. It was originally formed by African- American congregants from Christ Church. Mr. Bailey came to serve Trinity in 2010. Trinity established the first integrated day-care facility in Charlottesville. The church also runs Mitchell House, a home for pregnant, battered women, and the Bed and Roses ministry, where individuals are taught the skills of cooking, gardening and nutritional choices. Mr. Bailey noted that the congregation began as about 60% African-American but is now about 70% white, not because the church has lost African American members, but because it has gained white members. Trinity is now asking to move from mission to church status within the Diocese.

**Ms. Brown moved and Ms. Taylor seconded the motion for the Executive Board to endorse Trinity’s request to move to full parish status. The board approved this motion by acclamation.**

**Announcements**

Bishop Johnston thanked everyone for attending and reminded the Executive Board that it will meet on September 27 at Historic Christ Church in Irvington on the Northern Neck.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Jones

Secretary