

**Notes - Executive Council HBCU Committee
Teleconference
Wednesday, May 9, 2018; 5:30 PM (EDT)**

HBCU Committee Members Present: The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw, Dr. Joel Cunningham, The Rev. Canon Jamie Callaway, Dr. Anita George, The Rev. Dr. Eugene Lowe.

HBCU Members Absent: The Rev. Canon Michele Hagans, Dr. Scott Evenbeck

Consultants: The Rev. Lang Lowery, Ms. Tara Holley

Church Center Leadership: The Rev. Ronald Byrd

Opening Prayer offered by the Chair (Shaw)

Notes From the Chair:

Fr. Ron Byrd, Missioner for Office of Black Ministries reported that a Symposium at Voorhees is planned for September 24 - 27, 2018

Consultants Reports:

A. Holley

- Shared the multi-approach fundraising which is occurring for St. Aug.
- P.B. Absalom Jones Appeal netted approximately \$30,000.00 to be distributed equally to both HBCU schools
- There are three Fundraisers planned for May in North Carolina
- Possible Fundraiser to be held in D.C., possibly in June
- A major donor list is being created
- Reported that Dr. Ward is traveling and had recently been in Virginia where he raised between 10,000 - 15,000.
- Shared a list of prospective donors (not to be shared or circulated)
- William White is a very good potential donor for St. Aug.

B. Lang

- Recently met with two South Carolina bishops and Dr. Evans. From this meeting, it was determined that there is a lack of understanding between Voorhees and the Episcopal Church. Structure, roles, responsibilities, and expectations are not clear. The Chair was asked to make contact with the two bishops to work on clarification. (Fr. Ron Byrd has expressed that he would like to be a part of the dialogue). Dr. Evans is not as knowledgeable and connected with the Episcopal Church as was Dr. Sellers (an Episcopalian).
- Giving, Enrollment, Retention are all up at Voorhees. The school seems to be doing very well. Things are very positive.
- Re: St. Aug - Final plans with Reese Financial are being completed to secure the 1st \$1 million loan. Should close in approx. 2 - 3 weeks. The second loan is hoped to close in approx. 6 weeks.
- Things appear to now be cautiously optimistic at St. Aug

Face to Face Meeting

The Chair reported that plans are being made for our next Face to Face meeting to occur at Voorhees College, South Carolina during the time of the next School Trustee's meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018. The plan is for an arrival on Sunday, October 21st, and a departure of Tuesday, October 23rd. Please mark your calendar.

The Chair is awaiting a response from Brian Murray in the General Convention Office re: remaining funds in our budget.

Next Teleconference: Wednesday, May 16, 2018; 5:30 P.M. (EDT)

Adjournment and Prayer by the Chair.