

Task Force to Assist the OPD

Minutes - Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – Thursday March 21, 2019

Wakeman, OH

Attending: Mathis (Chair), Scanlon (Vice-Chair), Ambrogi (Secretary), Grant (Chaplain), Bates, Chambers (through 3/20), Hollingsworth, Jacobs, Johnson, Knudsen, Ousley, Seage, Smith (through noon 3/20), Yeiser

Absent: Thomason, Hitt, Zorrilla

The meeting commenced at 8:53 AM with a welcome from the chair and a prayer from the chaplain.

Rafael Zorrilla is withdrawing from the task force.

Each member of the group checked in.

The chair recapped our work to date.

Bishop Ousley shared his thoughts about episcopal transitions and the search and screening processes.

The task force discussed a number of topics including:

- additional resolutions related to the work of the task force, including A144, A145, A138
- the role of consultants in episcopal transitions
- the costs of episcopal transitions
- collecting and analyzing data on diversity in the episcopate
- the diocesan missional review
- methods of screening candidates for the episcopate
- the extent and timing of medical and psychological screening, including substance abuse
- questions of ownership, safeguarding, and disclosure of data gathered in episcopal transitions

We decided on the following in-person meeting dates:

- 23 – 26 September 2019
- 23 – 26 March 2020
- 28 Sept – 1 October 2020

All of these meetings will be held at Bellwether Farms in Wakeman, OH.

An online shared document was created for a draft of the Task Force's Blue Book report. Task Force working groups will add content to the document as they create it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM on Thursday.

Benge Ambrogi, Secretary