

Executive Council Committee on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

June 19, 2023

Minutes of the Teleconference

HBCU COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Canon Martini Shaw, Canon Jamie Callaway, Dr. Joel Cunningham, Canon Anita George, Canon Michele Hagans, Dr. Eugene Lowe, Bishop Sam Rodman, and Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley.

Absent Committee Members: Ms. Martha Alexander and Mr. Scott Evenbeck.

STAFF AND CONSULTANTS: Fr. Lang Lowery, Mrs. Nancy Caparulo.

Absent Staff/Consultant Member: Canon Ron Byrd, Mr. T.J. Houlihan, and Mr. Kurt Barnes.

Canon Shaw called the meeting to order, with a quorum present at 10:01 AM. Cn. Callaway offered a Juneteenth prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were moved (Bp Ruth), seconded (Dr. Lowe) and approved as presented.

St. Augustine's Update

Bishop Sam has been on sabbatical but said SAU had a board retreat last week and noted the on-site visit scheduled for October. Chaplain Hershey's baby was born, and all is well with her and her family. There is no new news regarding the SACHS disposition. Dr. Lowe recommended that the committee be up to date about this matter before the trip to the school.

Voorhees Update

Bishop Ruth talked about Voorhees' search for a chaplain. Canon Byrd will be in her diocese next week. The board retreat is upcoming in mid-July. Graduation was a great celebration. 136 students are enrolled in summer school. A gear-up program is offered for youth going to school with perhaps a need for extra attention prior to attending. The chaplain search is ongoing.

Canon Byrd's report had been sent via e-mail:

ADM submitted \$198,300 in Black scholarship recommendations to Kurt Barnes on May 18th - these included \$60,000 to 6 students at St. Augustine.

I have been working on identifying a Chaplin for Voorhees. Two potential candidates were under consideration. One after preliminary vetting was ultimately determined not to be viable, and the second one had some concerns. Specifically, the candidate and his wife were concerned about the water situation at Voorhees and the high crime rate in Denmark. I 'm continue to be in conversation with the candidate. I spoke with Canon Jamie Callaway last Thursday and he had a good idea. He suggested that we consider the possibility of an interim Chaplin for the fall of 2023. This will allow more time to conduct an extensive search for a full-time, ordained person. I have a couple of individuals in mind and will make some calls this week. Additionally, I will be meeting with Bishop Ruth next week when I visit with her diocese. I hope to give her a positive report of my search process at that time.

Rev. Hershey and Rob welcomed their second child on May 30th. Alan Odysseus Mallette came into the world at 9 pounds, 22 inches.

Be a Blessing, Be Blessed, Be Well,

Consultant Reports

Canon Lowery talked about the company that would develop the SAU property. In many cases land is subordinated to the developer but Canon Lowery subordinates the lease during development. so the owner of the land is protected. Bishop Sam will relay that information to SAU. Canon Lowery noted that the sewer system on campus is not to code and will have to be rectified.

The in-person meeting at SAU is October 4-7. Chaplain Hershey is working on the agenda to make sure there is time for interaction with the board and for worship. Mr. Houlihan is also working on the agenda to include a donor event.

Next meeting prior to that trip is Wednesday, September 13, at 9:00 EDT.

Dr. Cunningham moved, Dr. Lowe seconded, and all approved an adjournment at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Caparulo
Staff Support to the Committee