

**Standing Committee
Minutes
9/27/2011**

Present: Sally Weaver, Nan Haynes, Kitty Hillquist, Shariya Molegoda, Skip Coburn, Joe Chambers, Todd Eller, Michael Reiser, Dan Handschy, Doris Westfall.

Call to Order: Joe Chambers called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm.

1. Handschy opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Minutes. m/Coburn, s/Eller to approve. Correct Kito to Quito. Carried.
3. Housekeeping: new agenda item. Bob Towner will be here.
4. Bishop's Concerns: Bishop not with us. May still be under the weather.
- 5: Ecclesiastical Acts: none.
- 6: Bylaws: none.
7. Old Business

a. Old North St. Louis Restoration. Are we at the point of giving advice to the bishop? What is our role? Bishop invited us to dream. We don't have any control over money in this matter. Fellowships? Feasibility study. Are we looking at a congregational plant, or a mission work up in North City. Someone to be in the neighborhood, north of the two pretty blocks, to find out the needs of the neighborhood; takes someone street savvy. Joe has a friend who lives in the neighborhood; we need to be there. Episcopal Service Corps would be a good fit. Neighborhood not interested in gentrification. What would we do for/with them? There are certainly opportunities of interns; grocery store; small business instruction. We could be a resource and networking point. Leadership development is needed. Christo Rey schools – Todd knows about this. Don't overlook existing resources, e.g., micro lending programs. Interns might research and identify – and network – local resources. Part of feasibility study. Lots of kids applying to Episcopal Service Corps. Need some upfront money. Who has charge of this? Who takes the ball once it's in play? Do we need to invite in Amity (director of ESC) in to talk to us? Don't want to bring in others to do mission for us, but gain benefit from this. We want to maintain ongoing relationship with ECS (if that's what is) in order to change us. Need to take care of how we set up structure of service corps. We need a diocesan interface.

Year Zero Grant. First step in establishing an Episcopal Service is to form a discernment group, or a board. Maybe a couple of people from Council and SC and some other folks (deacons, e.g.).

Skip moves the formation of a discernment board to explore next steps in inviting ECS as a presence in Old North St. Louis. Eller seconded. Motion carried enthusiastically.

b. Handschy reported on the subcommittee to draft questions for Trinity, St. Charles. Now that Tamsen is back from sabbatical, the subcommittee will contact Tamsen and see how we might meet with leadership.

8. New Business

a. Written Convention Report. Maybe we could do both, written and stand-up. Changing nature of Standing Committee; evolving; where are we going? New role of Standing Committee. Joe will give us a prompt, and each emails him a video. Joe will edit. Joe will email with an email prompt. If you can, record a response yourself. Joe will bring camera to next meeting an hour beforehand.

c. Suspend agenda, because Bob Towner came in.

Bob told his story. Tex Sample told Christ Church where to buy in Cape Girardeau. Capital Fund drive (1990s). Received a gift of land from Bill Evans. Sold to Greater Dimension Ministries. Haven't paid for a long time. Income of about \$120 per month, all interest. Principal is still outstanding. Christ Church would like to forgive the debt. Vestry is unanimous in support of forgiving debt (giving deed). 723 Hackberry Street Cape Girardeau, 63701.

Handschy moved that SC approve Christ Church's gift of the deed to Greater Dimensions Ministries. s/Coburn. Approved unanimously.

b. Leadership Conference: Kitty reports ESM board member (Kay Creselius) is thinking of a daylong conference on training treasurers, altar guild, acolytes. Kitty will contact Beverly about collaborating. A break out workshop on missional model congregations.

d. Evangelzine. SC will help with collection of information about congregations.

9. Mission Planning

a. For the Life of the World see above, Evangelzine.

10. Member's Concerns

Convention. Opportunity to meet Presiding Bishop. Friday reception. She will preach at Eucharist Saturday, am. Clergy vesting for Eucharist. Plenary session in Schuyler. No vendors.

11. Adjournment.

m/Haynes, s/Westfall to adjourn. Carried.