



## Standing Committee Minutes

May 26, 2016

St. Martin's, Ellisville

5:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Deb Goldfeder, Jerre Birdsong, Jon Stratton, Pamela Dolan, Kelly Carlson, Stephen Robin, Dennis Belcher, Adam Pearson, Simone Camp (by phone). **Non-members:** Bishop Smith, Joe Chambers

**Call to order** – Kelly Carlson at 5:02pm

1. **Opening Prayer** -Kelly Carson

2. **Approval of Minutes:** *April 28, 2016 and May 10, 2016 conference call (St. Luke's line of credit)*

Both sets of minutes were approved unanimously without discussion or objection.

3. **Bishop's Concerns:**

The bishop gave a summary account of his and Debbie's travels to Uganda to see Bishop Stephen and Lillian, missionaries from Lund, and a missionary from Blackmore Vale. He traveled to a refugee camp, learned of the current makeup of conflict on the ground in South Sudan, and learned of the need to replenish seed stores, which is something he will focus his efforts towards.

4. **White Fund Loan Status:**

*a) Forthcoming loan request—Grace, Kirkwood (subcommittee will review first)*

No update given with very little knowledge known.

5. **Bylaw discussion:**

Two sets of bylaws available for discussion were tabled for the next meeting. Members discussed the possibility of providing a possible template or format for church's to follow during an update.

6. **Old Business:**

*a) Meeting status with candidate from April discussion (Kelly and Marc)*

Marc Smith and Kelly Carlson are meeting with the candidate in mid-June.

*b) ER & D disaster training update (Jerre)*

Jerre Birdsong gave an update about his training with Episcopal Relief and Development as the Diocesan Disaster Coordinator. The basic process in the event of a disaster is to determine the needs of the community, and then match the community with resources. TEC and ERD have a resource called Asset Mapping that would be an excellent resource if all the parishes in the diocese

updated there parish resource list. It is also ideal to be connected to Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), so that the diocese can be connected to a large number of resources.

**7. Members' Concerns:**

Stephen Robin: What is happening with Ascension and All Saints'?

A long discussion followed about the complexity of merging and the various details of both communities.

**8. Adjournment:** 6:10pm

**9. Blessing:** Bishop Smith