

Telephonic meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Milwaukee Monday, July 22, 2019

Present: The Rev. Andy Jones, The Rev. Liz Tester, Ms. Celia Fine, Ms. Jamie Cairo, The Rev. Scott Leannah

Excused: Dr. Sheryl Slocum, The Rev. Gary Manning, Ms. Tammy Prather

Guest: Canon Peggy Bean

The meeting began at 5:30 pm. Leannah took role call and offered to take minutes for the meeting.

Bean offered an opening prayer.

Bean then shared with committee members the process of St. Peter's, West Allis coming to a time of redevelopment in the life of the parish. She addressed factors in favor of redevelopment at this time:

1. Location - St. Peter's is in a good location in West Allis and West Allis itself is in a time of renewed growth and vibrancy
2. St. Peter's leadership and members have come to a point where they realize a need to make significant changes if they are to continue their mission and ministry in West Allis. There's a willingness on the part of key members to make changes and try new things.
3. The Spirit seems to be very much alive at this time - folks at St. Peter's are already making changes to their worship service, cleaning up their physical space, and doing other things to demonstrate a willingness to enter into a time of renewal.

Committee members proceeded to ask Canon Bean about the readiness of the parish, the willingness of COMD to work with the parish, and other indicators of now being the right time to make this transition.

Canon Bean left the meeting after answering questions.

Committee discussion centered on these points:

1. This is a great thing for the diocese to be doing, engaging in this assistance and aiding a congregation that is seeking to make a new start
2. We note that we are being asked to vote on allowing a parish to encumber itself without knowing specific numbers. An offer has been made on a house for \$199,000 and the plan is to sell the existing rectory for \$175,000, but that is not certain
3. We are taking a leap of faith with the numbers, and we feel strongly that the Executive Council must also be willing to partner with this congregation if the numbers don't pan out exactly as planned.
4. We support Canon Bean's plan of asking Executive Council to make up the difference between the purchase of the new home and sale of the existing home so that St. Peter's can be debt free after this process is concluded.

Leannah moved the following: The Standing Committee approves St. Peter's West Allis selling its existing rectory on Rita Drive for the best price possible. We further approve the purchase of the home at 2439 S. 81st Street for \$199,000. (We do note that Executive Council already approved that St. Peter's making an offer on this home). Finally, we urge the Executive Council to support St. Peter's West

Allis throughout this process with the understanding that the numbers are not fixed at this point and so additional help or support may be needed by St. Peter's.

Jones seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.