**Minutes of the Standing Committee**

**January 4, 2022**

Present: +Audrey Scanlan, Drew Dorgan, Jennifer Mattson+, Eric Hillegas+, Veronica Chappell+, Nicolette Norris, Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Kevin Barron+, Kate Harrigan+, Kathy Hettinga

Absent: Anthony Alexander

**Opening Devotions**: Bishop Scanlan led us in prayer, followed by time checking in with committee members, post holidays.

**Bishop’s Agenda**

1 – Staff updates

4 letters of agreement have been signed including staff in The Stevenson School, Shaped By Faith initiative, Diocesan Property Manager, Interim Dean of The Stevenson School, and a position shift for Canon Christ Streeter as Cannon to the Ordinary for Congregational Life. Also discussed an independent contractor position to deal with Happening.

2 – Progress and status of youth initiatives in the diocese

There was a meeting for the youth task force on Epiphany, concerning the possible hiring of a youth coordinator. Discussion of new trends towards a more intergenerational, church centered approach, rather than purely a diocesan youth group.

3 – GOE process and updates

4 – Covid in our diocese, and how we continue to operate during this time.

Optional clergy meetings for discussion of how parishes are handling pandemic related issues during this time. Group discussion of how Christmas holiday services were handled in different parishes.

5 – Issues surrounding the Indian Industrial School in Carlisle

Discussion of the school and the Episcopal Church’s role in how these children were treated. Investigation is ongoing into these matters, and this institution is now part of the Sacred Ground program.

6 – The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge retirement celebration plans

Plans are in order for a seated dinner celebration for Robyn at the Cameron Hill Estate.

Rev Kate Harrigan closed the meeting with prayer.

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**Next Meeting, Tuesday, February 1st, 2022**