

HAITIAN EDUCATION SUPPORT TEAM

Minutes of the August 15, 2023, Meeting of the Board of Directors By Zoom on the Account of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia

In attendance: Kathy Dowdy, Chair; John Beall, Secretary (arrived 4:40); Dan Burns; Rhonda Childs; Paul Fuhs; Kathy Gross; Cindy Unwin; Tina Wandersee, Director of Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Social Ministry, Diocesan Representative

Absent: Pamela McKinney, Vice-Chair; Dave Bucheit, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Kathy Dowdy with prayer.

President's Report: Kathy Dowdy stated that she had sent \$7,312 to the BDE, using this past year's budget numbers in the absence of a Final Budget request from the BDE. In addition, the transfer fee of \$24 was expended from the General Fund.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting was approved on motion of Paul Fuhs, seconded by Dan Burns.

Treasurer's Report: David Bucheit was absent, so no General Fund figure was announced. Circulated before the meeting was the Truist bank statement. The Shalom Fund as of June 30, 2023, has \$155,071.91 up from the May 31, 2023, balance of \$143,630.67. That is the figure on which to calculate the amount of Shalom Funds available for scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year. The July 31st value was reported as well to be \$155,072.57, only a dollar or so more.

Diocesan Report: Tina Wandersee reported that there would be a diocesan Gathering devoted to Haiti in the spring months as there had been money budgeted for that event. She anticipated it would be along the lines of the Tidewater Fall Gathering. Location and details will be forthcoming. A planning group would be established.

Shalom Fund: Kathy Gross reported that the Forms have been reviewed and are ready to be utilized.

Budget: Because the issue whether Kellogg Foundation Grant would be renewed that affects the number of supervisors that the BDE, and HEST would have to fund, no action was taken on the budget at the last meeting, and that matter had not been cleared up as of August 15th either. But, as recited above, Kathy Dowdy was authorized in June to send the first half of the 2023-2024 funds to the BDE money based on last year's budget. Since the meeting, Richard Joseph has informed HEST that Kellogg Foundation will be continuing to support "Strong Beginning" for the next year. Supervisors "LUCNER kersainvil, Saint_Ange Beltré, Yvon Marcilus, Pierrot Lafleur, Emmanuel Castel, Josué Jean François, Wilbert Guerrier and Changlas one Supervisor for The Ten Associated Schools From EFACAP In Mirebalais." will be funded, leaving HEST to support only one supervisor again this academic year. Yet, the number of Supervisors named by Richard Joseph is 8.

This suggests that there are now 9 Supervisors on the payroll of the BDE, but HEST is paying for only one Supervisor.

Donation Flier Update: Tina Wandersee asked for time to be given before the Ask goes out to allow for further discussion with the bishop's office to incorporate the bishop into the Ask Campaign. A group consisting of personnel from the Catholic Community Foundation at the Diocesan Pastoral Center will convene to assist in that effort. Dan Burns agreed to participate in that endeavor. After the meeting, Tina Wandersee sent out a matrix of questions that will serve as an agenda for that meeting. Essentially, what is needed is a clear-cut statement of the need, the amount of the need and how the raised funds will be utilized. This mailing, the "Ask" will be sent to Diocesan donors.

Richard's New Computer: Kathy Dowdy told us that she had purchased the computer assisted by Richard sending her specifications and one of Kathy's friends collaborating with her. The price was \$827.79 plus the mailing fee to Fort Lauderdale that increased the cost to \$909.00. It will be transshipped by courier to Cap Haitien and then to Hinche. The week after the meeting, Richard Joseph had the computer in hand.

Recess: At 5:40, the meeting adjourned with a prayer.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting would be Tuesday, September 19th, at 4:30 p.m., using the Zoom technology of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.