

## HAITIAN EDUCATION SUPPORT TEAM

### Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Meeting of the Board of Directors By Zoom on the Account of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Virginia

**In attendance:** Kathy Dowdy, Chair; Pamela McKinney, Vice Chair; Dave Bucheit, Treasurer; John Beall, Secretary; Dan Burns; Rhonda Childs; Paul Fuhs; Kathy Gross; Cyndy Unwin.

Absent: Dan Burns; Rhonda Childs; Tina Wandersee, Director of Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Social Ministry, Diocesan Representative

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Kathy Dowdy with prayer.

#### REPORTS.

**News from Richard:** Kathy Dowdy reported that Richard had telephoned her and she learned that a gallon of gas costs \$13.58, if it even available and only a gallon at a time is dispensed. Rice per bag is now \$45.00. A bag typically contains 50 pounds, Kathy reported. Things are quiet in Hinche, but everyone is cautious and unsettled. The bank in Hinche is now open.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting were approved on motion of John Beall, seconded by Paul Fuhs.

**Treasurer's Report:** David Bucheit reported that the market value of the Shalom Fund as of February 29, 2024 contained \$173,161.19, up from \$162,458.53, per the Truist Bank statement. The General Fund as of January 31, 2024 contained \$13,033.51 per the report from the Diocese. The vehicle Fund contains \$3,563.49.

**Diocesan Report:** As Tina Wandersee was not available for the meeting, no report was made.

**Shalom Report:** Other than noting the nice increase in the Fund's value as of February 29<sup>th</sup>, nothing else was discussed.

#### BUSINESS.

**Fundraiser Update:** Kathy Dowdy reported that the cost of printing by the Diocese would be \$557.52. The mailing would require stuffing. David Bucheit said that he would finish up the editing and get it to Tina Wandersee so that the Brochure could be printed. John Beall reported that he would contact Holt Publishing, the previous mailer. [Holt Publishing is still in business and can do the mailing. John told Donna Holt that he expected to bring the letters to her in the third week of April]. The April meeting will be in person at the Diocese, with Zoom access, if Kathy Dowdy can reserve space through

Tina Wandersee so that the mailing can be stuffed so that John Beall can take the materials to Holt Publishing.

**Adjournment:** At 5:10 p.m., the meeting adjourned with a prayer, offered by Kathy Dowdy. The next regular meeting would be Tuesday, April 21, 2024, in person at the Diocesan Office and by Zoom, using Zoom technology of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.