



Board of Trustees Meeting

April 18th, 2016

301 West Hunting Park Avenue - Library

Philadelphia PA 19140

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Rev. Roger Zepernick; Chairperson, Danilo Diaz, Rev. Magaly Martinez, Brandon Fuller, Denise Cruz, Rev. John Rice and Carmen Torres.

Board Absent: Carmen Rocha, Nancy Negron, Rev. Luis Cortes

Staff/Management Present: David Rossi, Jelissa Carias, Ellen Espailat

The meeting was called to order at 5:11pm meeting quorum with 7 members present.

I. Greeting

Rev. Zepernick welcomed the Board members to meeting and outlined the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the disciplinary hearing subcommittee recommendations.

II. Students AS-P, NS, BO, AI-R

Mr. Fuller informed the Board that these students were brought before the Board on March 17th 2016. Administration made a recommendation of expulsion for a period of one year. Mr. Fuller gave a description of the violation. Mr. Rossi explained the differences between a traditional BB gun and an air soft gun.

Mr. Fuller discussed the rationale used by the subcommittee for the suggested recommendation. The recommendation of the disciplinary subcommittee was not to expel but rather to place the students on Final Warning for one year.

Rev. Zepernick called for a motion to accept the subcommittee's recommendation not to expel students AS-P, NS, BO and AI-R. Mr. Diaz moved to accept the motion. Rev. Rice Seconded. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Rev. Roger Zepernick; Chairperson, Danilo Diaz, Rev. Magaly Martinez, Brandon Fuller, Rev. John Rice and Carmen Torres - 6

Nays: Denise Cruz - 1

Abstentions: 0

III. Student EC

Mr. Rossi informed the Board that this student was brought before the Board on March 31st, 2016. Mr. Rossi read the memo from the Director of Student Development outlining the violation.



Administration made a recommendation of expulsion for a period of thirty days. The recommendation of the disciplinary subcommittee was to expel for a period of thirty days for violating the Zero Tolerance Policy for fighting.

Rev. Zepernick called for a motion to accept the subcommittee's recommendation to expel student EC for a period of 30 days. Rev. Rice moved to accept the motion. Mrs. Cruz Seconded. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Rev. Roger Zepernick; Chairperson, Danilo Diaz, Rev. Magaly Martinez, Brandon Fuller, Denise Cruz, Rev. John Rice and Carmen Torres - 7

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

IV. Students LR-A, AB-F

Mr. Rossi informed the Board that these students were brought before the Board on March 31st, 2016. Mr. Rossi read the memo from the Director of Student Development outlining the violation. Administration made a recommendation of expulsion for a period of thirty days. The recommendation of the disciplinary subcommittee was not to expel for a period of thirty days for violating the Zero Tolerance Policy by fighting (due to extenuating circumstances). The subcommittee also recommended the students be stripped of their senior privileges with the exception of graduation and in addition both families must have mediation with administration.

Rev. Zepernick called for a motion to accept the subcommittee's recommendation not to expel students LR-A and AB-F for a period of 30 days with the conditions set above. Rev. Rice moved to accept the motion. Rev. Martinez Seconded. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Rev. Roger Zepernick; Chairperson, Danilo Diaz, Rev. Magaly Martinez, Brandon Fuller, Rev. John Rice - 5

Nays: Denise Cruz - 1

Abstentions: Carmen Torres – 1

Rev. Rice chaired the remainder of the meeting in Rev. Zepernick's absence.

V. Students AR-M, MR

Mr. Rossi informed the Board that these students were brought before the Board on March 31st, 2016. Mr. Rossi read the memo from the Director of Student Development outlining the violation. Administration made a recommendation of expulsion for a period of thirty days. The recommendation of the disciplinary subcommittee was to expel for a period of thirty days for violating the Zero Tolerance Policy by fighting.

Rev. Rice called for a motion to accept the subcommittee's recommendation to expel students AR-M and MR for a period of 30 days with the conditions set above. Mr. Diaz moved to accept the motion. Rev. Martinez Seconded. The vote was as follows:

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Yeas: Danilo Diaz, Rev. Magaly Martinez, Brandon Fuller, Denise Cruz, Rev. John Rice and Carmen Torres - 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

VI. Adjournment

A motion was called the end the meeting by Rev. Rice at 5:55pm. Mrs. Cruz motioned. Rev. Martinez Seconded. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Danilo Diaz, Rev. Magaly Martinez, Brandon Fuller, Denise Cruz, Rev. John Rice and Carmen Torres - 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0



Board of Trustees Secretary

06/16/14

Date

Minutes Taken by Ellen Espaillat

