

**The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary - Minutes of the Meeting of July 10, 2019**

Present: Eric Biddy, Jeannette DeFriest, Anne Jolly, Lisa Kerpan, Rory Smith, Bishop Jeff Lee
Guests: Patti Snickenberger, Rector, St. Lawrence, Libertyville; and Joe Cardinale and Jacki Dioguardi, Wardens

Eric Biddy, President, opened the meeting at 6:00pm with a reading of Luke 10:25-37 followed by reflection.

Business Meeting

Jeannette DeFriest was warmly welcomed as the newest member of Standing Committee. Jeannette is filling an unexpired term until the next regularly scheduled election in November.

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of June 12, 2019 were approved.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Lucinda Ashby, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of El Camino Real.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Lee reported that he has received a draft report on Latinx ministry in the diocese. He praised the work that went into its creation and those who serve on the task force.

Focused Discussion

Patti Snickenberger, Rector of St Lawrence, Libertyville, along with Wardens Joe Cardinale and Jacki Dioguardi, gave a follow-up property report to Standing Committee. In May of 2018, St Lawrence received approval from Standing Committee to explore the sale of church property, as well as other potential property arrangements. St Lawrence is currently exploring partial sale options that would allow them to stay in the property. They would like to exhaust partial sale options before moving ahead with a full sale of the property and relocation.

Standing Committee and Bishop Lee thanked them for their thoughtful approach to the financial challenges they face, and encouraged them in their pursuit of the best outcome for their parish.

Business Meeting (cont'd)

Bishop Lee left the meeting, and Standing Committee discussed the following:

Important upcoming dates:

Candidacy interviews - 7/18

Anti-racism training with Search & Nomination Committee - 7/18

Fall Standing Committee meeting dates - 9/11, 10/9, and 11/13

Chaplain: The Rev. Robert Petite has agreed to serve as chaplain to the Bishop Search & Nomination Committee.

Communication: Lisa has been in regular contact with Luis Garcia and Jenny Replogle, chairs of the Search & Nomination Committee, to coordinate communication about the bishop search.

Anti-racism training: Rory is coordinating a call with CROAR to discuss customization of the training for the Bishop Search & Nomination Committee.

Electing convention: Standing Committee is consulting with the chancellor about delegates to the electing convention, which will be held June 20, 2020 at St James Commons.

Bishop's compensation: The need to draft a compensation proposal was discussed.

Diocesan profile: The date of the release of the diocesan profile was discussed. Standing Committee agreed that the profile can be released after diocesan convention without needing to change the application deadline.

Consecration venue: The need to explore consecration venues was discussed. The Transition Committee will not be in place until December, and venues may be booked by then.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 11, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Eric offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary