The Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary-Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2018

Present: Eric Biddy, Kathy Leson, Barbara Seward, Rory Smith, Jeffrey Lee

Eric Biddy, President, called the meeting to order.

Focused Discussion
Review of the work of Standing Committee during 2018
Eric Biddy gave a summary of the matters that came before Standing Committee and the actions taken and the group reflected on what they are proud of and what they would like to spend more time on in the coming year. The group decided to institute a review of the year and use it as a way to introduce new members.

Bishop's Report
The sale of St. Peter's Parish House should be complete in December and then the next stage can begin.
The new parish hall for Grace in Galena is finished and occupied.
Discussion is underway regarding returning to St. James Cathedral the property deed which is currently held by Bishop & Trustees.
Bishop Lee accepted a late resolution affirming the dignity of transgender and nonbinary people which has been added to the resolutions to be considered at our convention.
An update on Title IV matters and the litigation with the former Diocese of Quincy.

Business meeting
Minutes and Executive Summary of October 10 were approved with one edit.

Housing allowances for 2019 were approved for clergy on Bishop's staff.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Cathleen Chittenden Bascom. Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Kansas.

This was Kathy Leson's last meeting as a member of Standing Committee and Bishop Lee and members expressed their appreciation for her five years of service. She was commended on being a bridge between the old Diocese of Quincy and the reunited Diocese of Chicago, her expertise on financial matters, and her commitment to the Church.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment
Barbara Seward offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next Meeting
The next scheduled meeting is December 12, 2018 at 6pm at St. James Commons.