

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 11, 2019

Present: Eric Biddy, President; Jeannette DeFriest; Maria Giraldo; Anne Jolly; Lisa Kerpan; Rory Smith; Bishop Jeff Lee

Guests: Courtney Reid, Director of Operations; Lisa Senuta, Chaplain; Michael Peregrine, Chancellor (by telephone)

Eric Biddy, President, opened the meeting at 6:00pm with prayer.

Business Meeting

Courtney Reid shared a draft budget for the Diocese of Chicago for Church Year 2020. In its revised form, there is an allocation of \$910,000 from the Bishop's Fund to balance the budget. Included in this number is \$119,000 allocated for the bishop search and transition. Increases in 2020 include the bishop search and transition, the national church assessment, and Lambeth Conference. Every effort has been made to hold expenses down and to run the diocese as efficiently as possible. The budget will be presented to Diocesan Council for a vote before being presented to Bishop and Trustees.

Eric welcomed the Rev. Lisa Senuta, newly appointed Chaplain to Standing Committee. Lisa offered a meditation and prayer appropriate for this time of transition.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Marty Stebbins, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Montana. Standing Committee also consented to the ordination of Kyle Rader to the Transitional Diaconate.

Focused Discussion

Michael Peregrine, Chancellor, joined the meeting by telephone at 7:00pm to discuss the Constitution and Canons as they apply to the petition period and electing convention. He has consulted Courtney Reid and stated that he and Courtney would put together a one-page summary of what is canonically required for Standing Committee, and that he would consult further with his predecessors.

Bishop's Report

The Bishop reported that he and his staff are working to identify and resolve any outstanding Title IV complaints.

The Bishop also reported that he has resigned from several Boards of Directors where he was not actively involved. He has remained on the Board of Directors of Rush University Hospital where Bishop Anderson House is embedded; Episcopal Charities and Community Services; and Bexley-Seabury.

The last Candidacy interview date is in March, and the Bishop stated that he thought that, if admitted to candidacy, many of them would be able to be ordained before his retirement in August.

Following his report, the Bishop left the meeting.

Business Meeting (cont'd)

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of July 10, 2019 were approved.

Two postcard designs were unanimously approved by Standing Committee for use by Search & Nomination Committee to recruit bishop applicants.

The revised Search & Nomination Committee timeline was unanimously approved by Standing Committee.

Standing Committee has responsibility for determining the bishop-elect's compensation. Anna Stefaniak provided Standing Committee with a report on bishops' compensation from the Church Pension Fund. This report is based on data from 2017. Standing Committee agreed that the bishop-elect's compensation should fall in the middle range of the quintile for a diocese of our size.

Transition Committee applications will be open between October 9 and October 25, and Standing Committee will announce the committee members on December 1.

Standing Committee and the Search & Nomination Committee will be leading a workshop at Annual Convention about the bishop search and transition. The workshop is scheduled to take place on Friday, November 22 from 11:15am - 12:30pm.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 10, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Lisa Senuta closed the meeting in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary