

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

Present: Anne Jolly, President; Lisa Kerpan; Laura Singer; Rory Smith; and Lisa Senuta, Chaplain

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Lisa Senuta, Chaplain, offered an opening reflection and prayer.

Business Meeting

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of November 11, 2019 were approved with the following correction: Jeannette DeFriest was inadvertently left off the list of Standing Committee members leading the workshop at convention.

Standing Committee approved the 2020 housing allowances for the following: the Rev. Alvaro Araica, the Rev. Andrea Mysen, the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, and the Rev. Courtney Reid.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Mark Van Koevering, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Lexington.

Anne Jolly reviewed upcoming Standing Committee dates: March 3, 2020 - Candidacy Interviews; March 27 and 28 - Candidacy Interviews; and late April - Search & Nomination Committee will give the slate of nominees to Standing Committee, and Standing Committee will announce the slate.

Standing Committee meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm at St. James Commons. Upcoming monthly Standing Committee meeting dates are as follows: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10.

Standing Committee approved a motion to designate St. Michael and All Angels in Berwyn as a distressed parish.

Bishop Search and Transition

The Transition Committee met with Consultant Kim Jackson December 6. One of the first tasks for the committee is to finalize the location for the bishop's ordination and consecration (scheduled to take place January 9, 2021). The cathedral has been reserved by Standing Committee as an option.

The profile of the diocese was launched on the bishop search and transition website (chicagobishopsearch.org) in English and Spanish on Monday, December 9. Completed applications are to be sent to the Search & Nomination Committee by email on or before Friday, January 10.

Standing Committee has responsibility (in coordination with the bishop, the chancellor, and staff) of approving the procedures for the election of the 13th bishop. Anne Jolly shared a spreadsheet of recent bishop searches and their petition processes. The procedures will be discussed further at the next meeting. The final, approved procedures must be published by the end of March.

Anne Jolly reported that she met with Courtney Reid, and Standing Committee discussed the need to coordinate closely with staff to ensure that the bishop transition goes smoothly.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and Anne Jolly adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary