

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 11, 2020

Present by video conference: Anne Jolly, President; Miguel Briones; Jeannette DeFriest; Lisa Kerpan; Laura Singer; Rory Smith; Lisa Senuta, Chaplain; and Jeff Lee

Guests by video conference: Dave Jackson (Co-Rector) and Marc O'Brien (Jr Warden), Emmanuel LaGrange; Courtney Reid, Director of Operations

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Lisa Senuta, Chaplain, offered an opening prayer and reflection.

Business Meeting

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of February 12, 2020 were approved.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Glenda Curry, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Alabama.

Focused Discussion

Dave Jackson, Co-Rector of Emmanuel, LaGrange, along with Jr Warden Marc O'Brien, joined the meeting by video conference to request approval for a secured loan in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the restoration of their pipe organ, which is expected to cost \$466,389. A motion to grant Emmanuel's request to seek such a loan was approved by Standing Committee.

Bishop Search and Transition

Search & Nomination Committee: The Search & Nomination Committee is making excellent progress toward presenting a slate of candidates to Standing Committee by the end of April.

Transition Committee: The Walkabouts schedule has just been announced to the diocese. Walkabouts will take place June 4-7 at churches across the diocese, including one session for clergy only. The service of ordination and consecration will be held at St James Cathedral and is scheduled to take place January 9, 2021.

Coronavirus: Standing Committee discussed the possibility that the discernment retreat, scheduled to take place in April, will need to be canceled due to the spread of coronavirus, which was just declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. If the discernment retreat is cancelled, that will potentially require adjustments to the remainder of the bishop transition timeline.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Lee joined the meeting by video conference, and he described how the diocese and the Episcopal Church are responding to the spread of the coronavirus. The House of Bishops meeting could not be held in Texas as planned, but was instead taking place by video conference. Bishop Lee expressed his understanding that the timeline for the bishop search may need to be adjusted. He commended to us a webinar by Episcopal Relief and Development about how to respond to a public health crisis like this.

Election Procedures

Courtney Reid joined the meeting by video conference, and Standing Committee reviewed the revised draft election procedures and the draft special rules of order for the electing convention. After review by Chancellors emeriti Richard Hoskins and Todd Young, Standing Committee will adopt the procedures by an email vote.

Courtney also gave Standing Committee a report about Electing Convention planning, which is largely being carried out by staff. The Electing Convention is scheduled to take place June 20, 2020 at St James Cathedral. Certification and registration are under way.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 1, 2020 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary