

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 8, 2020**

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

Guests by video conference: From St. Paul's McHenry - Sr Warden Beth Lukas, Jr Warden Jeffrey Zabor, and Deacon Deborah Lang

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. She began the meeting by reading the Gospel appointed for Sunday and inviting reflection.

The minutes and executive summary of the meeting of June 10, 2020 were approved.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Lee reported that the ordinations approved by Standing Committee have been scheduled. He also reported that an email is scheduled to go out next week with details about annual diocesan convention in November. The bishop's staff has begun planning the details of the electing convention, scheduled to take place December 12. Both conventions will be virtual this year due to the pandemic.

Focused Discussion

Deborah Lang, Deacon of St. Paul's in McHenry, along with Jr Warden Jeffrey Zabor and Sr Warden Beth Lukas joined the meeting by video conference to request permission to sell their church property. They report that they have received the required approvals of the Vestry and the parish, and will provide Standing Committee with a copy of the Vestry resolution, as required by the canons. Standing Committee conditionally passed a motion to approve the sale of the church property, pending receipt of a copy of the resolution passed by the Vestry.

Bishop Search and Transition

Bishop Lee left the meeting prior to this discussion.

The Search & Nomination Committee reports that they are in the process of setting up in-person meetings with all finalists. Some elements of the discernment retreat, which was set to take place in April, will take place online. They expect to be ready to present a slate to Standing Committee by the end of September.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 12, 2020 at 6pm by video conference.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Miguel Briones offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Kerpan
Secretary