

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2021**

Present by video conference: Miguel Briones, Toni Daniels, Jeannette DeFriest, Anne Jolly, Lisa Kerpan, Laura Singer, and Chaplain Lisa Senuta

Guests by video conference: Andrea Mysen, Director of Ministries and Acting Head of Staff

Anne Jolly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and Chaplain Lisa Senuta began the meeting with reflection and prayer.

The minutes and executive summaries of the December 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

President's Report

Anne Jolly reported that she met with Bishop-elect Clark in December and that they reached agreement about terms of employment. Bishop-elect Clark will begin her ministry in the diocese in March.

The ordination and consecration will take place April 24. Several people from the diocese met with Mark Stevenson of the Presiding Bishop's office to go over the customary and discuss COVID protocols. At this time, the plan is that nobody will be present except those who are required for the consecration, along with the bishop-elect's family. The event will be live-streamed.

The Presiding Bishop's office has received the required number of consents from diocesan bishops. The bishop election also requires the consent of a majority of the members of 56 diocesan standing committees. Laura Singer reported that consents from 26 standing committees have been received.

Standing Committee members will respond to the Ember Letters of those in the ordination process in the diocese.

Acting Head of Staff's Report

Andrea Mysen reported that Bishop-elect Clark had attended the staff meeting this morning and is in regular communication with staff.

COVID-19 mitigation guidelines are expected to be updated by the state of Illinois later in the week. As the guidelines are updated, staff will communicate with the diocese about what is recommended for churches. The staff has been working on guidelines for Ash Wednesday.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by video conference.

Lisa Senuta offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Kerpan
Secretary