

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2021**

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

Guest 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 summary of the February 10, 2021 meeting were approved.

Acting Head of Staff's Report

Andrea Mysen reported that the language for Letters of Agreement with clergy have been updated so that all new parents will have eight weeks of paid leave. The updated language was approved at the most recent Diocesan Council meeting. She also reported that Diocesan Council will be taking up the resolution from annual diocesan convention regarding part-time clergy compensation.

Jeannette DeFriest reached out to the owner of a Facebook group named "Episcopal Diocese of Chicago." The concern is that this Facebook group has the same name as the official diocesan Facebook page, and people might be confused by content posted there. The issue is being addressed with the owner of the group. Standing Committee discussed the possible need to trademark the name "Episcopal Diocese of Chicago" to prevent others from using it without permission.

The task force for return to worship will be meeting soon to discuss guidelines around communion and singing in church. The state's COVID-19 guidelines allow small groups to gather for worship.

President's Report

Standing Committee approved a parsonage allowance of \$20,000 for Bishop-elect Clark.

The chief consecrator at Bishop-elect Clark's consecration will be Bishop Hollingsworth, who is the president of Province V. Only participants in the consecration and the bishop-elect's family will be in attendance, per COVID-19 restrictions. Deacon Miguel Briones will participate and represent Standing Committee at the service.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by video conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary