

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Standing Committee Meeting of April 6, 2022

Present

Via Zoom: Jeannette DeFriest, Toni Daniels, Miguel Briones, Anne Jolly, Laura Singer Bishop Chilton Knudsen, Bishop Elect Paula Clark

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Bishop Elect Report

Bishop Elect Clark reported that she is ready to begin working 30 hours a week and a form will be sent to the presiding bishop to approve the move to the next work phase.

Bishop Elect Clark will also meet with Jennifer McKenzie on May 23 and 24 for some strategic planning consultation.

Assisting Bishop Report

Bishop Chilton also reviewed some Title IV proceedings with the Standing Committee.

There are two new deans for the diocese –

Chicago North – Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, St. John's Chicago

Chicago Evanston – Rev. Kathryn Banakis, St. Luke's Evanston

Bishop Chilton is excited about the next dean structure. A strong dean structure plus a good diocesan staff are two components of a healthy diocese.

Minutes

Miguel Briones made a motion to approve the minutes and the executive summary minutes from March 9, 2022. Jeannet DeFriest seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Consent of Bishop of Idaho

Miguel Briones made a motion to provide consent for the election of the Rev. Joseph Tharakan as the Bishop of Idaho. Toni Daniels seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ordinations

Miguel Briones made a motion to approve Barnabas Pusnur and Will Bouvel for ordination to the priesthood. Anne Jolly seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Transition Process Update

The group reviewed the feedback loop tool for diocesan staff from Melissa Perin. Bishop Elect Clark will review the tool and roll it out with staff.

Miguel Briones led the closing prayer.

Next Meetings & Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Singer, Secretary