

Executive Summary - 1.11.2023 meeting

Nicholas Center, 4th Floor Conference Room

Present: Toni Daniels, Miguel Briones, Jeannette DeFriest, Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes;
Bishop Paula and Rebecca Elfring-Roberts joined via Zoom

Absent: Daphne Cody

President Toni Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Meeting Minutes - approved unanimously

Opening Prayer - Gerald Floyd

Required Competencies:

Rebecca Offering-Roberts-overview curriculum and program for Building a Safe Church.

- Recommended that all leaders complete the 8 current course offerings by Easter 2023.
- Spanish version - in process, Estimated Completion Date: 2/2024.
- Login credentials for each person can be tied back to their home parish so that completion of the courses can also be reflected in the parish record.

Miguel Briones provided an update on the work that is being done by the to support the Anti-Racism committee.

- Work is underway on the mission to develop courses, workshops and materials for both parishes and the community.
- The team is collaborating with community leaders, and other Diocese leadership, (e.g. Peace and Justice Committee).
- First paid position for this effort has been filled; person is on board to help with technical and administrative support.
- Bishop Paula added:
 - individual parishes are also undertaking their own Anti-Racism to sustain momentum in the interim.
 - Bishop Paula and the Diocese staff-will be reviewing and evaluating the Bexley-Seabury Anti-Racism curriculum before engaging parishes in that program.
 - She emphasized that this is one of her top priorities and is committing time and resources to ensure that a program is launched across the Diocese and that we can operate with the same vocabulary as Clergy.

DropBox Capability:

Toni - several administrative enhancements secured to improve communications and workflow for the work of the Committee - A DropBox cloud storage site is being created and a new email has been created to centralize important communications and correspondence:

standingcommitte@episcopalchicago.org

Consents for elections of bishops:

Diocese of Columbia – The Rev. Elias Garcia Cardenas -approved

Diocese of New York – The Rev. Matthew Heyd - approved

Diocese of Olympia – The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton -Provisional Bishop - approved.

All approvals and signatures were entered electronically via the EC website for Bishop Consent.

Sale of Church Property Process and Guidance:

Toni reviewed a draft of guidelines to assist parishes as they prepare for Standing Committee approval for sale (or acquisition) of property.

- Property is owned by both the parish and the Diocese, and therefore requires the SC review and approval.
- There is a the need for a consistent process and a better parish understanding of the approval process.
- Jeannette and Wes offered to draft a package for future review by the SC.
- Communication or meeting with the Deans can/will increase attention, awareness and efficiency for the SC review process.
- Gerald posed a question regarding rental transactions - should they be covered in the SC approval process? -
 - rentals do not require SC review, and if there is a proposed transaction a parish should reach out to: Andrea Mysen - If a mission has a request, they should reach out to Tom Camell.

Bishop Paula: Role of Standing Committee:

Bishop Paula asked to address this committee to first express her gratitude for their time and service - and secondly to offer her view of the role of the Standing Committee:

- She asked that the SC, and its members, serve as a council of advice to support a new bishop.
- She asked for transparent and honest communications, with prayerful consideration and collective wisdom on issues of importance to the Diocese. The SC was grateful for the charge and committed to support her in all ways.
- She reviewed the agenda and expectations for the upcoming Diocese Orientation meeting to be held via Zoom on Saturday, 1/21/2023.
 - Toni will offer a brief overview of the composition of the SC and its role in the Diocese during the meeting.

Next SC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the Nicholas Center unless weather prohibits.

Adjournment:

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Jeanette seconded the motion and all approved.