

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee Meeting of February 8, 2023

Present on Zoom: Bishop Paula Clark, Miguel Briones, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Jeannette DeFriest, Gerald Floyd, and Wes Kimes.

Guests admitted to the Zoom mid-meeting: the Rector the Rev. Jenny Hulen and Wardens Carole Forsythe and Mike Bruce, of St. Simon's - Arlington Heights

Toni called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Jeannette offered the opening prayer.

Minutes

Jeannette moved and Miguel seconded the approval of the minutes and executive summary of the regular monthly meeting on January 11, 2023. All approved. Wes moved and Gerald seconded the approval of the amended minutes and executive summary of the special meeting on February 2, 2023. All approved.

Sale of property: two parking lots at St. Simon's Arlington Heights

The St. Simon's leadership made a power point presentation that summarized the pertinent documents sent to the Standing Committee ahead of time. Standing Committee members asked various questions about the project. The bishop offered words of congratulations on a thorough process before they logged off the meeting. There was brief positive discussion. **Motion:** Wes moved and Jeannette seconded that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Chicago consent to the sale of the two west parking lots of St. Simon's Episcopal Church, Arlington Heights, to the Northwest Community Hospital for the price of \$2.9 million. *The motion carried.*

President's Report

Toni reported that Gerald will join Jeannette and Wes on our Standing Committee task force to form a Sale of Property (Canon 24) Education Resource for parishes. This is not for mission congregations, only parishes, to help parish leaders know the steps required for consent of property sales. This task force will report at our March 8 meeting.

Bishop's Report

The bishop thanked the Standing Committee for the special meeting on February 2 regarding Trinity, Chicago. She reported that Tom Camell followed through with vacating the building at 125 E. 26th Street, Chicago 60616 and that she herself had had communications with leaders of outside groups that use the building. The bishop also ascertained that temporary vestry members to be appointed for Trinity can indeed be vestry members in other congregations. Finding temporary vestry members for Trinity is the current task.

Commission on Ministry priesthood discernment weekend

Toni reminded the Standing Committee of its role in discernment (ultimately consent) for ordinations in our diocese. There's a discernment weekend coming up February 24-25, 2023.

Daphne and Miguel will each offer their availability to serve on the weekend to Louisa McKellaston (bishop's staff).

Consents on episcopal elections:

One bishop election is before us for consent:

Bishop of Central Florida - the Rev. Canon Dr. Justin Holcomb

There's a new format for submitting consents, and Toni will be the one to submit our consent via this new process. Jeannette moved and Gerald seconded that we consent to the Rev. Holcomb's election as Bishop of Central Florida. *The motion carried.*

The Rev. Charles Holt's request to meet with us

Toni brought before the group a request from the Rev. Charles Holt to speak with us about the controversial process of his being elected the Bishop of Florida. Discussion followed. By vote, the Standing Committee decided to decline the Rev. Holt's offer to meet with us. Toni will send him a reply to that effect.

Dropbox

We will set up individual times with various Standing Committee members who need help uploading and downloading items in the Standing Committee Dropbox.

Safe Church training

Toni reminded members that we each are responsible for taking the online Safe Church training modules. She set a deadline for us of Easter Monday, April 10, 2023.

Group Norms

We will begin the process of establishing group norms for working together as a Standing Committee by using 30 minutes of an upcoming meeting, determined by Toni. We offered to facilitate the process of generating our norms. If we need more time, we'll use a subsequent meeting or meetings until the norms are satisfactory to us.

Next Meetings & Adjournment

Two next meetings:

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM on Zoom

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM in person, St. James Commons

Toni adjourned our meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary