

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of October 11, 2023 - On Zoom

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

Guests: Canon for Administration Anna Stefaniak, Comptroller Rebecca Elfring Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with a full quorum. The Bishop excused herself for the beginning of the meeting so that her compensation could be discussed and opening prayer was offered.

Bishop's Compensation- Standing Committee Review and Approval

- Anna Stefaniak described the recent budget process and explained that the current 2024 budget reflects a 3.5% increase in the Bishop's current cash salary. Anna logged off the Zoom call at 6:20.
- Rebecca Roberts continued the discussion and fielded questions by SC members for clarification. Rebecca logged off the Zoom call at 6:40.

Motion: Wes moved and Gerald seconded that the 2024 cash salary for Bishop Clark be raised by 3.5% as reflected already in the 2024 budget. *The motion carried.*

Minutes

- Miguel moved and Jeannette seconded the approval of the minutes and the executive summary of the regular monthly meeting of September 13, 2023. *Motion carried.*
- Jeannette moved and Wes seconded the approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting on September 16, 2023. *Motion carried.*

Mission Leadership Review (Bishop's Report and President's Report)

- The bishop provided an update regarding the annual ministry review. After consulting with members of the House of Bishops, Gay Jennings' was identified as a trusted resource.
- Toni and Bishop Clark met on Zoom with Rev. Jennings who suggested a more thorough review as had been done in the past in the Diocese of Chicago. She suggested this be done in Spring 2024, not now.

Motion: Wes moved and Miguel seconded that we move forward in exploring with Gay Jennings the possibility of doing a Mission Leadership Review in the Diocese of Chicago in spring 2024. *Motion carried.* The bishop logged off the Zoom call at 7:04.

Diocesan Convention 2023

- Toni reported that according to diocesan chancellors, the SC does not have to elect officers immediately at the end of Convention (Article 10, Section3) but that officers can be elected at their first meeting in December.

Annual Report to Diocesan Convention 2023

- The proposed report was reviewed and accepted.

Motion: Miguel moved and Gerald seconded that we approve the latest version (Draft #3) of the Report. *Motion carried.*

Follow-Up Items

- The “Selling or Mortgaging Parish Property Guide” has been published the diocesan weekly newsletter and will be an available resource to all parishes.
- Gerald attended the Postulancy Interviews for the Commission on Ministry on October 6. Wes and Jeannette will attend the Postulancy Interviews on November 3.

Consents on episcopal elections:

Two Consents were presented for review and discussion by the SC.

Rev. Jeremiah Williamson

- Miguel moved and Wes seconded that we consent to the Rev. Jeremiah Williamson’s election as Bishop of Albany. *The motion carried.*

Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White

- Daphne moved and Miguel seconded that we consent to the Rev. Canon Kristin Uffelman White’s election as Bishop of Southern Ohio. *The motion carried.*

Looking forward to 2024

- SC will make Anti-Racism training a priority for its members in 2024.
- The second annual Onboarding Day to orient members of diocesan committees will be held on zoom again in 2024 - Date and time to be confirmed in December

Next Meeting & Adjournment

- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM in person.

Toni adjourned our meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary