Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of November 14, 2023
In Person at the Nicholas Center

Present: Miguel Briones, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Jeannette DeFriest, Gerald Floyd, and Wes Kimes. Bishop Clark phoned in for part of the meeting. A quorum being established, Toni called the business portion of the meeting to order at 6:30 PM after supper and check-in.

Minutes
Miguel moved and Jeannette seconded the approval of the minutes and the executive summary of the regular monthly meeting of October 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Bishop’s Report
The bishop expressed her gratitude for various SC members’ service this past year. She also said, having read over the materials from the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings regarding the Mission Leadership Review proposal, that she believes such a process will re-establish a sense of input and participation for many around the diocese. The bishop rang off the call at 6:55.

Mission Leadership Review (MLR)
Toni continued on the topic of the MLR. Gay Jennings has responded to all of our questions. The bishop would be the client. The SC would be one of the bodies interviewed by the consultant. Daphne moved and Gerald seconded that: Pursuant to Bishop Clark’s wishes to reflect on our work together so far as bishop and people, we advise that the bishop’s office set up a contract with the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings to conduct a Mission Leadership Review for our diocese in the year 2024. Motion carried.

President’s Report
Toni has contacted the bishop’s staff to establish an Onboarding Day in early 2024 to be held on Zoom, like last year. The Onboarding Day would be for newly elected and appointed persons to meet one another and to clarify their roles and responsibilities. It would be very helpful for continuing officers also to attend.

Review of our year together as a SC
Toni led us through a review together of our work over the past year. We bid our thanks to Jeannette and Miguel, whose terms are ended and who are not seeking re-election at this time.

Consents on episcopal elections: We have no consents before us this month.

Next Meeting & Adjournment
Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
Toni adjourned our meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary