

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of December 13, 2023

In person at St. James Commons

Present: Bishop Paula Clark, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes, Jo Ann Lagman. Kara Wagner Sherer was on Zoom for part of the meeting.

A quorum being established, Toni as our convener called the business portion of the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, and after prayer, Toni welcomed our two new members Jo Ann and Kara.

Elections of officers

- Wes nominated and Kara seconded that Toni be elected President. *Toni was elected by voice vote.*
- Wes nominated and Gerald seconded that Daphne be elected Secretary. *Daphne was elected by voice vote.*

Minutes

The following were approved:

- Minutes of November 14, 2023
- Executive Summary of November 14, 2023
- A new version of the Executive Summary of October 11, 2023
- *Ratified:* the one-word change (approved by email) to the SC Annual Report to Convention (2023).

Bishop's Report

- The bishop then reminded the SC of their fundamental role: advice and consent. The advice side requires confidentiality and discretion.
- The Mission Leadership Review for the bishop and diocese will be conducted by the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings during 2024.
- A liturgy will be organized in early 2024 to institute the new Canons (staff positions) named by the bishop.
- Negotiations continue on the sale of 65 E. Huron Street.
- The episcopal visitation schedule for the first quarter of 2024 has now been sent to the clergy of the diocese. The bishop will be spending Holy Week in the Joliet Deanery.
- The bishop encouraged everyone present to attend on Zoom the January 20 Onboarding session. At the end of the bishop's report, Kara logged off to attend her church's vestry meeting.

Onboarding

- Toni reviewed how to get our newly configured SC connected.
- Last year's SC developed a document under Article 10, Section 3, with group norms for how we expect to function together. Toni will put on a subsequent meeting agenda a review of that document: does it still work for us, the new SC?

Housing/Parsonage Allowances for clergy on diocesan staff

- Housing allowance resolutions for the following clergy who serve on the bishop's staff were brought before the Standing Committee for approval for the upcoming tax year 2024: Alvaro Araica, Paula Clark, Andrea Mysen, and Sierra Reyes. All four resolutions were approved.

Consents on episcopal elections:

- the Rev. Austin Keith Ross as Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of California. Toni will put this consent on a subsequent meeting agenda before the 90-day deadline.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM. It will be on Zoom.

Toni adjourned our meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary