

## **Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**

### **Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of April 10, 2024**

#### **On Zoom**

Present: Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes, Jo Ann Lagman, and Kara Wagner Sherer.

Guests: Canon Andrea Mysen (6:00 - 6:35), Sara Clary and Mary Lyne (6:35 - 6:50).

Note: Bishop Clark is away at a conference.

A quorum being established, Toni welcomed Andrea, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and offered the opening prayer.

#### **Minutes**

The following were approved:

- Minutes of March 13, 2024
- Executive summary of March 13, 2024

#### **Sale of Parish Property**

##### **1. Calvary, Lombard property sale process**

- Andrea recounted Calvary Lombard was given consent to sell several years ago
- the “Guidelines for the Sale or Mortgaging of Parish Property” document didn’t exist then
- SC reviewed the Calvary’s documents
- Before further action is taken, SC needs from Calvary:
  - a. Clear title, or updated Assurance of Title of the property they seek to sell
  - b. Sale agreement with buyer
  - c. Explanation of difference between appraised value and proposed sale amount
- Action: Toni will arrange a conference phone call with Calvary’s leadership including herself and Wes and/or Gerald, to request these items
- Andrea logged off

##### **2. Guide for the Sale or Mortgaging of Parish Property document**

- After consults with Andrea, diocesan chancellors, other dioceses, Wes will incorporate the following suggestions into the Guide revisions: (1) a one-year limit on the SC consent for a sale of parish property, after which a review would be required, and (2) that the SC be given copies of the appropriate documents once a property sale goes under contract.

##### **3. 142. E. First Street, Hinsdale**

Having previously submitted all the necessary documentation, representatives from Grace, Hinsdale, Sara Clary and Mary Lyne, logged onto Zoom and reminded SC of the pertinent steps of their process in seeking to sell a house (not the rectory) owned by the church. SC was satisfied with the responses to the questions asked of Grace. Sara and Mary logged off the call.

- Kara moved that the SC consent to the sale of 142 E. First Street, Hinsdale, by Grace, Hinsdale. Gerald seconded. *The motion carried.* Toni will contact Sara and Mary.

**Consents on episcopal elections and/or ordinations in our diocese:**

- Jo Ann moved, and Gerald seconded, that the SC consent both to the candidacy and to the ordination to the transitional diaconate of Tara Osborne in this diocese. *The motion carried.* Daphne will notify Louisa McKellastan on the bishop's staff.
- Wes moved, and Jo Ann seconded, that the SC consent both to the candidacy and to the ordination to the transitional diaconate of Katie Spero in this diocese. *The motion carried.* Daphne will notify Louisa McKellastan on the bishop's staff.

Wes logged off the Zoom to attend another meeting.

**Letter from the vestry of St. Paul's Peoria**

SC received and reviewed a letter sent to Bishop Paula, copied to SC, from the vestry of St. Paul's, Peoria, dated Easter Day (March 31) 2024. Actions:

- Kara will draft a response letter (from SC to St. Paul's vestry) for SC to review
- Toni will convene a special meeting of SC and the bishop to discuss issues raised in the letter.

**Vacancy of clergy seat on SC after Kara's departure to Rochester**

SC appoints a new member from among the diocesan clergy after Kara resigns to become Bishop of Rochester. This person would serve until the next diocesan convention November 23, 2024. Priorities were identified about what SC needs for balance and representation. Various priests and deacons were discussed. Toni will follow up.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment**

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024, Zoom or in person was not specified.

Toni adjourned our meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daphne Cody, Secretary