

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of May 8, 2024

In person at St. James Commons

Present: Jaime Briceño, Daphne Cody, Toni Daniels, Gerald Floyd, Wes Kimes, and (on Zoom) Jo Ann Lagman.

Note: Bishop Clark was unable to attend.

A quorum being established, Toni called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, and Jaime offered the opening prayer.

Minutes

The following were approved:

- Minutes and Executive Summary of April 10, 2024 (regular meeting)
- Minutes and Executive Summary of April 16, 2024 (special meeting)

Letter from St. Paul's Peoria

- SC received and reviewed two letters from Bishop Clark, one she wrote to us and one she sent to the St. Paul's Peoria vestry.

Review of internal SC communications

- In all actions and communications regarding SC business, the entire SC will be notified so that everyone has the same information.

Sale of Parish Property

Calvary, Lombard property sale process

- No updates have been received from Calvary Lombard.

2. Consent to Close: Sale of Parish Property: 230 Somonauk St., Sycamore

- Jo Ann moved and Gerald seconded that SC, having received all final closing documents, consent to the CLOSING of the sale of 230 Somonauk St., Sycamore, Illinois, by St. Peter's Sycamore. *Motion carried.*
- Action: Toni will contact St. Peter's Sycamore leadership (Varsie Geisler).
- Wes will draft a template letter and send it to the bishop's executive secretary Karin Gutierrez, copied to Toni and Canon Andrea Mysen.

3. Guidelines for the Sale or Mortgaging of Parish Property document

- Wes presented the newest version of the SC's helpful guide for parishes, with updates are based on our learned experiences using the first version.
- The new revision takes into account that there are two steps to the sale of a property needing consents.
- The first SC consent comes when a property is to be listed on the market.
- The second SC consent comes at closing.
- SC discussed the draft revisions, and a few minor ones remain.

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

Diocese of Texas.

- Toni described what a Suffragan Bishop is, and how it relates in this country to a legacy of racism. That considered, suffragan bishops nowadays do fulfill helpful roles.
- Jaime moved, and Wes seconded, that the SC consent to **the Diocese of Texas holding an election for a Suffragan Bishop**. *The motion carried.*
- Action: Toni did the online procedure for registering our consent.

Ordination in this diocese.

- Toni recused herself from the meeting at 7:47.
- Gerald described his experience of Kenji Kuramitsu's candidacy interview.
- Discussion followed about the SC role in giving consents for ordinations in our diocese.
- Gerald moved, and Wes seconded, that the SC consent both to the candidacy and to the ordination to the transitional diaconate of **Kenji Kuramitsu** in this diocese. *The motion carried.*
- Action: Daphne will notify Louisa McKellastan on the bishop's staff.
- Toni returned to the meeting at 8:10.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Zoom or in person was not specified.

Toni adjourned our meeting at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary