

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary of the Standing Committee (SC) Meeting of August 14, 2024
Hybrid St. James Commons and on Zoom**

Present in person: Jaime Briceño, Bishop Clark, Toni Daniels, Daphne Cody, Gerald Floyd, Jo Ann Lagman, Canon Andrea Mysen; Present on Zoom: Wes Kimes
Guests (all on Zoom): Canon Anna Stefaniak, and from Christ Church, Ottawa, the Rev. Mike Dwyer and Al Kammerer

A quorum being established and all present, Toni called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM, and Gerald offered the opening prayer.

Minutes

The following were approved: Minutes and Executive Summary of July 10, 2024

Bishop's Report

- Please attend the Finance Committee's Zoom presentation on August 26, 2024 to hear about the draft budget before Diocesan Council and Bishop & Trustees (B&T) vote on it.
- The Rev. Deacon Miguel Briones seeks ordination to the priesthood, and the bishop will bring an update to a subsequent SC meeting.
- Congratulations to Jo Ann on her new position as Asiamerica Missioner for the Episcopal Church.
- Canon Sierra Reyes has taken a new position in California.
- On November 22, 2024, Canon Anna Stefaniak will retire from the Bishop's Staff.

Clergy Compensation items

Canon Anna logged into the meeting at 6 PM, and Bishop Clark and Canon Andrea excused themselves to another room.

Canon Anna brought two items:

- Regarding the bishop's cash compensation for 2025, the Budget Committee will propose a 2% increase in clergy compensation at diocesan convention in November, based on the Consumer Price Index. SC sets the bishop's cash compensation.
- New Archdeacon Mike Choquette needs a Housing Allowance Resolution (see below).

Anna logged off the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Mike Choquette Housing Allowance Resolution

- Daphne moved, and Jaime seconded the following:

Whereas the Rev. Michael Choquette is employed as a minister of the Gospel by the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, which does not provide a residence, the Standing Committee resolves that of the total compensation to be paid to him in 2024, that \$12,000.00 be designated as a parsonage allowance within the meaning of that term as used in Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. This Resolution is to be in effect for 2024 and future years unless otherwise provided. *Motion carried.*

- SC members present in person signed a paper copy of this resolution and gave it to the bishop when she returned to the meeting.

Bishop Clark 2025 Cash Compensation

Jo Ann moved, and Gerald seconded that the diocese give Bishop Paula Clark a 2% raise in cash compensation for 2025, as suggested. Short discussion followed. *Motion carried.*

Bishop Clark and Canon Andrea returned to the room at 6:16 PM.

Request for SC Consent to Donate Parish Property: 113 E Lafayette St, Ottawa, IL

Mike Dwyer (Rector) and Al Kammerer (Senior Warden) of Christ Church, Ottawa, logged onto the meeting at 6:40 PM.

- Christ Church has followed the canonical process to close their parish, which will be effective October 2024, and had previously taken steps to explore donating their parish property.
- Upon Toni's request, they submitted prior to this meeting a written proposal to donate the parish property to the Ottawa Arts Council. SC asked Mike and Al about their context and process.

Mike and Al logged off the meeting at 6:58. Discussion followed among the SC, Canon Andrea, and Bishop Clark. While there isn't a canon specifically addressing the donation of parish property, this would follow similar authority lines as the sale of parish property.

Jaime moved, and Jo Ann seconded, that SC withhold consent to the donation of 113 E Lafayette St, Ottawa to the Ottawa Arts Council. *Motion carried to withhold consent, with four ayes and two abstentions.*

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

There were none this month.

Commission on Ministry Postulancy Days

Jo Ann is representing SC at the Postulancy Day tomorrow, August 15, 2024. Daphne will attend the September 13 one.

Mission Leadership Review

Our September meeting will be dedicated to this task.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, on Zoom (Mission Leadership Review interview).

Toni adjourned our meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Daphne Cody, Secretary