

**Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California  
Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2011**

1:05 p.m. Dr. Ron Johnson called the meeting to order

Present: Ms. Peggy Greene, Mr. Chris Butler, the Rev. Sue Thompson, Dr. Ron Johnson (Dr. J), the Rev. Nina Pickerell, and the Rev. Bruce Smith

Absent: Ms. Mary Vargas and the Rev. David Ota

1:07 p.m. Peggy Greene opened our meeting with a scripture reading, devotion and prayer

1:15 p.m. Personal check-in time

1:35 p.m. Reviewed the minutes of our September 6 meeting

**MSCU** Nina/Peggy we approve the September 6, 2011 Standing Committee minutes

1:40 p.m. Interview with Lois Williams who is a candidate for the priesthood.

**MSCU** Nina/Peggy that we approve Lois Williams for candidacy to the priesthood

**MSCU** Ron/Chris that we certify that Justin Canon has met the canonical requirements for ordination for the priesthood

**MSCU** Ron/Sue that we certify that Annette Rankin has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the diaconate

**MSCU** Ron/Sue that we certify that Liz Sims has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the diaconate

2:16 p.m. **MSCU** Peggy/Sue that we go into executive session

2:34 p.m. **MSCU** Sue/Chris that we come out of executive session

Liaison Reports were given:

- Episcopal Elections – nothing to report
- Scholarship Committee – nothing to report
- Committee on Governance – Sue reported they're working away
- Nominating Committee – Sue reported they have one person standing for election for each position

We briefly began the discussion about the "ministry review" for the Bishop

2:50 p.m. break

3:01 Dr. J reconvened the meeting

3:03 Bishop Andrus joined the meeting and the following items were discussed:

- Webinar - The Bishop was delighted with the participation – about 127 people signed up, so when you take into account that many of those who logged on had others watching with them they figure around 160 saw the webinar. He spoke about this launching a yearly process that will begin this Advent. He is looking for each congregation to form a team and make a year commitment to it. The team can hopefully speak to the strengths and needs of the congregation. The team will meet and pray regularly, participate in a monthly webinar/workshop, practice what they learn and share their learning with the larger group. The Bishop is working on an agenda for the upcoming workshop. He feels good about how things are going, however, he doesn't expect every church to participate.
- He mentioned the book Governance and Ministry and hopes to see the Executive Council model the approach of the book.
- The Bishop talked about Bishop Sauls' proposed reorganization of the Episcopal Church.

3:30 p.m. John Tornquist, Roulhac Austin and Vance Frost from the BCC (Bishop's Compensation Committee) joined the meeting

- They presented the bids to do the foundation, garage and basement
- Their recommendation is to do just the foundation and garage (not the basement). They felt to undertake the basement work was beyond the scope and expertise of the foundation work and would need the guidance of an architect. We talked about what it would take to improve the basement and make the backyard more accessible. Roulhac will contact an architect to consult on the work that would be needed for the basement and to enhance the entry to the backyard.

4:28 p.m. John, Roulhac and Vance left

- The Bishop returned to discussing Bishop Sauls' proposal
- Chris Butler reported that he has been in touch with Jim Forsyth for copies of some archived minutes, and Jim is touch with the archivist for these.
- An issue involving two churches and their "parish boundaries" was discussed

5:00 p.m. Bishop Andrus left and we took a break

5:09 p.m. Dr. J called us to order

Meeting Evaluation

- Good meeting with good conversation with the Bishop

**MSCU** Peggy/Nina we close the meeting

5:20 p.m. Dr. J closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Smith  
Secretary *pro tem*

*Amended and finalized as passed at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting,*

*Richard Edward Helmer*  
*Secretary*