

**The Standing Committee of The Diocese of California
Minutes (Approved)**

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Grace Cathedral, Chapter Room

1:00 to 5:00 pm

Present: Mr. Chris Butler, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Ms. AnnaMarie Hoos, The Rev. David Ota, The Rev. Bruce Smith (President), The Rev. Sue Thompson, Ms. Mary Vargas

Absent: Ms. Peggy Greene (Vice-President) due to work-related schedule

1:00 pm – Opening Prayer and Devotion was led by The Rev. Sue Thompson.

1:08 – Personal Check-In of members of the Standing Committee was led by The Rev. Bruce Smith.

1:40 – Reviewed May agenda and approval of minutes from the April meeting:

- Added certification for candidates following the meeting with Ms. Jane Cropper
- Moved goal setting prior to Reports

MSCU (Ota/Hoos) Standing Committee approved the April meeting minutes as presented.

Richard Helmer clarified that minutes up-to-date will be posted on the new diocesan website when it launches in mid-May. Francesca has been working with SC leadership on the new SC page. Meantime, the Secretary is circulating approved minutes to the Bishop's office and Executive Council leadership for reference.

1:45 – The Standing Committee met with Ms. Jane Cropper, regarding candidacy for the Priesthood.

MSCU (Helmer/Thompson) The Standing Committee consents to the candidacy of Jane Cropper for priesthood.

MSCU (Helmer/Hoos) The Standing Committee moved to place back on the table the candidacy of Kevin Sparrow.

MSCU (Hoos/Vargas) The Standing Committee consents to the candidacy of Kevin Sparrow for the priesthood.

MSCU (Hoos/Thompson) The Standing Committee consents to ordination to the diaconate for Jon Owens and Mary Jones; and ordination to the transitional diaconate for Kevin Sparrow.

2:37 – The Standing Committee discussed Goal Setting for the remainder of 2012.

3:00 – Time with Bishop Andrus

Bishop Andrus joined the meeting.

St. James', Oakland

Julia McCray-Goldsmith is assisting with the transition. The Rev. Sam Dessórdi Leite has been well received as priest-in-charge. The leadership of the congregation is learning more about the financial assets of the community. The Rev. Cameron Ayers is also assisting and The Rev. Liz Sims will be serving at St. James as deacon.

St. Michael and All Angels, Concord

The Bishop will be meeting with St. Michael and All Angels', along with other congregations of that area of the Diocese, in the near future to discuss possible ways forward in collaboration.

Diocesan subsidies for ministry leadership at St. Alban's, Brentwood, and St. George's, Antioch, will end at the end of 2012. The congregations are invited into potential collaborative work with other communities in the area and to develop plans to support their leadership in financially sustainable ways.

Trinity and St. Peter's

The structural report on Trinity is under review by the Diocese.

Bishop's House

The basement is being cleared out for the foundation work on the house.

Trip to Haiti

The Bishop recently met with the Bishop of Haiti regarding goals for rebuilding the music school in Port Au Prince. The Episcopal Church Foundation is now moving to help with work on the music school in collaboration with the cathedral rebuilding project through the office of development at the Episcopal Church Center.

Diocesan Institutions

Christopher Hayes is reviewing the report on Diocesan Institutions and will be making recommendations.

The Bishop departed the meeting at 5:18 pm.

5:18 – The Committee on Governance is considering a four-hour review of their work, and they have asked Julia McCray-Goldsmith to facilitate. Bruce will be in touch with the chair of the Committee on Governance to discuss this process.

5:40 – **MSCU (Helmer/Vargas)** Standing Committee adjourned.

5:45 – Closing Prayer – The Rev. Sue Thompson

Note for June meeting:

We need to see two people for candidacy interviews on June 5, Bonnie Stewart and Doe Yates. Both are seeking candidacy for the vocational diaconate.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer
Secretary

Approved by the Standing Committee at the June 5, 2012 meeting.