

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California
Meeting Minutes – Approved
September 3, 2013

Grace Cathedral Chapter Room
1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Chris Butler, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Ms. AnnaMarie Hoos, Ms. Brenda Paulin, Ms. Mary Vargas (President), The Rev. Sue Thompson (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton

Absent: The Rev. David Ota

1:05 Sue Thompson led an opening prayer and devotions.

1:15 Mary Vargas led personal check-in for members.

1:28 Jim Forsyth joined the meeting, seeking Standing Committee approval for a 9-month agreement between Good Shepherd, Belmont, and Little Hands School. Christopher Hayes and Jim have both reviewed the agreement and support its approval.

1:35 **MSCU** (Thompson/Butler) Standing Committee approves the agreement between Good Shepherd, Belmont, and Little Hands School.

1:45 Standing Committee Reviewed the September agenda and August minutes for approval

MSCU (Walton / Thompson) Standing Committee approves August meeting minutes as corrected.

1:50 Standing Committee prepared for a candidacy interview for the vocational diaconate.

2:00 Postulant joined the meeting for a candidacy interview.

2:45 Standing Committee briefly discussed a pending St. Michael and All Angels' property sale of a cottage. They are working with the city on making property line change so the property is salable. Leadership will approach the Standing Committee for official approval at the October meeting.

3:00 Standing Committee discussed preparation for diocesan convention, especially the Standing Committee report.

3:20 Reports

- Commission on Ministry – Lori Walton submitted a written report.
- Executive Council – AnnaMarie Hoos submitted a written report.
 - o Brenda Paulin will act as liaison for the September 17 meeting
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – Mary Vargas - no report
- Committee on Governance – David Ota submitted a written report
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions – Chris Butler - no report

- Scholarship Committee – Chris Butler - reported that meeting to begin discussing potential revisions to scholarship guidelines is pending
- Nominating Committee – David Ota - written report filed
- Episcopal Elections – Richard Helmer
 - o Discussed Western Michigan election (Whayne Houghland)

MSCU (Hoos / Butler) Standing Committee consents to the consecration of Whayne M. Houghland, Jr., as bishop of Western Michigan.

3:50 Standing Committee took a brief break

Mary reminded the SC that November 8-9th is the Standing Committee retreat, the subject will be *Change Your Questions, Change Your Life*.

4:07 Christopher Hayes and Bishop Marc joined the meeting.

Standing Committee discussed the pending canonical changes on the Role of the Chancellor, and other legislation coming to Convention.

The Bishop conversed with the Standing Committee.

The Bishop and Chancellor departed the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Sue offered a concluding prayer. Chris Butler departed the meeting.

5:33 Round Table Discussion – Mary Vargas

- Reviewed action items
- Evaluated the meeting

5:35 Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted reviewed and approved by the Standing Committee at their regular meeting on October 1, 2013.

Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG
Standing Committee Secretary