

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California
Meeting Minutes - Approved
October 1, 2013

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

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

Absent: Mr. Chris Butler

1:00 Opening Prayer and Devotions were led by Lori Walton.

1:10 Standing Committee held personal check-in

1:34 Standing Committee held preparatory discussion for a candidacy interview

1:43 Dan Burner and David Ota joined the meeting.

1:45 Standing Committee interviewed Dan Burner for candidacy to the priesthood/transitional diaconate.

Dan Burner departed the meeting at 2:12.

2:22 **MSCU** (Helmer / Thompson) Standing Committee consents to the candidacy of Dan Burner for the priesthood.

2:24 **MSCU** (Hoos / Thompson) Standing Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 3rd meeting as submitted.

2:28 Reports

Commission on Ministry – Lori Walton

Richard Helmer reported he is presently in conversation with Melissa Ridlon about assisting technically with the establishment of a website to help postulants and candidates and their liaisons and CoM track progress through the process.

MSC (Helmer / Walton) with one abstention (due to an absence during the candidacy interview), the Standing Committee consents to Marcus Crim's candidacy for the vocational diaconate.

MSCU (Hoos / Thompson), the Standing Committee consents to the ordination of Julia McCray-Goldsmith to the transitional diaconate.

MSCU (Helmer / Hoos), the Standing Committee consents to the ordination of Susan Napoliello to the transitional diaconate.

MSC (Thompson / Hoos), with one abstention (due to an absence during the candidacy interview), the Standing Committee consents to the ordination of Kristen Spalding to the transitional diaconate.

Executive Council – Brenda Paulin gave an oral report from the last Executive Council meeting.

2:45 - The Rev. Amanda May joined the meeting to discuss the pending property sale at St. Michael and All Angels', Concord. They are still awaiting a property line adjustment from the city before listing the property.

Standing Committee will review the decision for consent when an offer is firm on the property and the Diocesan Officers are in final agreement with the sale.

3:10 Amanda May departed the meeting.

Standing Committee took a brief break.

3:21 Brenda Paulin completed her report on the Executive Council Meeting

Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – no report

Committee on Governance – no report

Working Group on Diocesan Institutions – Chris Butler – no report

Scholarship Committee – Chris Butler – filed a brief written report

Nominating Committee – David Ota – no report (nominations for Convention are complete)

Episcopal Elections – Richard Helmer – no report

Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review – Sue Thompson and Brenda Paulin reported.

The reformulating Executive Compensation Committee (now under the purview of Executive Council) has held two meetings.

4:07 Bishop Marc and Christopher Hayes (Chancellor) joined the meeting

Trinity Bond re-finance

Christopher Hayes reported that the bond re-finance paperwork is completed.

Church Attorney nomination

Christopher Hayes reported about the role of the Church Attorney representing the Diocese in Title IV (clergy disciplinary) matters.

The Bishop has nominated Jim Alexander, a member of St. Matthew's, San Mateo.

MSCU (Thompson / Hoos) Pending the Bishop's interview with Jim Alexander and a strong recommendation by The Rev. Eric Hinds, the Standing Committee consents to the appointment of Jim Alexander as Church Attorney for the current term.

Christopher Hayes departed the meeting at 5:12.

Bishop Marc departed the meeting at 5:15.

Standing Committee discussed their presentation to Diocesan Convention, reviewing a draft prepared by Mary Vargas.

5:30 Standing Committee reviewed the meeting and closed with prayer at 5:45.

Reviewed, amended, and approved for posting at the November 5, 2013, meeting of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG
Secretary