

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California
Meeting Minutes - Approved
October 26, 2013
Gresham Hall / California Street Entrance, Grace Cathedral
(Diocesan Convention Meeting)
4:45 pm

Present: The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (Secretary), Mr. Ron Hermanson (newly elected), Ms. Brenda Paulin, Ms. Mary Vargas (President), The Rev. Sue Thompson (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton

Also present: The Rev. Annette Rankin (provisionally elected, but not seated)

Absent: Mr. Chris Butler

Mary Vargas led the brief meeting.

Ron Hermanson (newly elected) was welcomed, and notice was given that pending plans for a re-canvassing of the election would be shared as soon as possible.

A slate of nominees for officers for the Standing Committee was brought forward for 2013-2014:

Mary Vargas, President
Sue Thompson, Vice President
Richard Helmer, Secretary

By acclamation, the quorum of Standing Committee present closed nominations and elected the slate of officers for 2013-2014.

Richard Helmer collected contact information for the newly seated member, Ron Hermanson.

Mary Vargas notified the Chair of Convention of the re-elected officers of Standing Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

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November 5, 2013

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

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

Absent: The Rev. David Ota (member until Convention vote is re-canvassed and certified)

Minutes from Diocesan Convention (election of officers)

1:08 The meeting opened with opening prayer and devotions led by Brenda Paulin.

1:10 Ron Hermanson, the newly elected lay member, was introduced, and members checked in.

1:47 Standing Committee reviewed Marcus Crim for ordination to the vocational diaconate, and Dan Burner to the transitional diaconate, led by Lori Walton (liaison to the Commission on Ministry).

1:49 Scott Pomerenk, chair of the Committee on Governance, joined the meeting for conversation.

2:32 Scott Pomerenk departed the meeting.

2:35 Standing Committee reviewed and amended the October meeting minutes.

MSC (Walton / Paulin) Standing Committee approved the amended minutes for the October meeting.

2:38 **MSCU** (Walton / Thompson) Standing Committee consents to the ordination of Marcus Crim to the vocational diaconate.

MSCU (Walton / Thompson) Standing Committee consents to the ordination of Dan Burner to the transitional diaconate.

2:40 Reports

- Commission on Ministry – Lori Walton

Richard Helmer reported his conversation with Melissa Ridlon about establishing an online system for ordinands, the CoM, and reference of the SC, is ongoing.

- Executive Council – New liaison needed
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – Mary Vargas reported
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions – Chris Butler - written reported submitted

- Scholarship Committee – Chris Butler - written report submitted
- Nominating Committee – (David Ota) New liaison needed - no report
- Episcopal Elections – Richard Helmer - no report, though consents will be requested soon
- Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review – Sue Thompson and Brenda Paulin reported

Brenda Paulin - Executive Compensation Committee (under purview of Executive Council)
- provided a written report.

3:25 David Frangquist joined the meeting. Richard Helmer departed the meeting for the re-cavassing. Lori Walton took over as Secretary Pro Tem for the re-cavassing. Bishop Marc joined the meeting.

Minutes on Re-cavassing taken by Lori Walton:

Standing Committee discussed re-cavassing of election results with the Bishop and Secretary of a Convention (David Frangquist).

The Standing Committee was divided into pairs for the re-cavassing of the ballots under the instruction of David Frangquist and the observance of Bishop Marc, according to rules of the Diocesan Convention.

The ballot tally concluded at 5:05.

5:11 David Frangquist departed the meeting. Certified results of the election re-cavassing will be made public by the Diocesan Office. Richard Helmer rejoined the meeting.

5:12 The Standing Committee held a brief conversation with Bishop Marc

The Bishop re-appointed Phil Jelley to the Joint Disciplinary (Title IV) Board.
MSCU (Helmer / Thompson) The Standing Committee consents to the re-appointment of Phil Jelley from the Diocese of California to the Joint Disciplinary (Title IV) Board.

Sue Thompson led a discussion of the present DMR process and the current work with the consultant, Melissa Skelton. The process is moving forward in a timely manner.

5:29 Bishop Marc departed the meeting.

5:30 Standing Committee discussed their upcoming retreat.

5:41 Chris Butler departed the meeting.

5:47 Closing prayer was led by Brenda Paulin, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Richard Edward Helmer, Secretary, and Lori Walton, Secretary Pro-Tem Amended and approved by the Standing Committee at their December 3rd, 2013, meeting.