

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2013

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

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

1:05 Richard Helmer led opening prayer.

1:07 Standing Committee held personal check-in.

1:34 **MSCU (Hermanson / Thompson)** Standing Committee approves the amended minutes from Convention and November Standing Committee meetings.

1:35 Standing Committee prepared for a candidacy interview.

1:40 Rebecca Goldberg joined the meeting for a candidacy interview for the transitional diaconate.

2:16 Rebecca Goldberg departed the meeting.

MSCU (Thompson / Helmer) Standing Committee consents to the candidacy of Rebecca Goldberg for the transitional diaconate.

2:20 The Rev. Stephen McHale and Jim Keltner joined the meeting to discuss Christ Church Alameda's pending five-year renewable lease with AT&T to install a cell tower on the parish property.

2:40 Stephen McHale and Jim Keltner departed the meeting. Standing Committee took a brief break

2:50 Scott Pomerenk joined the meeting for ongoing discussion on the work of Committee on Governance

3:35 Scott Pomerenk departed the meeting.

3:36 MSCU (Helmer / Thompson) Standing Committee consents to Christ Church, Alameda's lease with AT&T to install cellular equipment on the property.

3:30 Reports

- Commission on Ministry – Lori Walton, as written. Lori is arranging time for the SC to meet with leadership of the CoM early in the New Year.
- Executive Council – Richard Helmer & Mary Vargas, as written.
- Executive Compensation Committee – Brenda Paulin
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – Mary Vargas gave a brief oral report.

- Committee on Governance – Ron Hermanson gave a brief oral report.
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions – Chris Butler, no report.
- Scholarship Committee – Chris Butler

The Scholarship Committee is still working on securing a copy of foundational documentation governing one of the scholarship funds.

- Nominating Committee – Annette Rankin, no report. Will be getting in touch with the committee chair(s).
- Episcopal Elections – Richard Helmer, no report.
- Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review – Sue Thompson and Brenda Paulin

Melissa Skelton, the consultant, was elected to be Bishop of New Westminster.

Sue and Brenda and the Bishop will be speaking with Melissa on the 12th and 13th, and will check her willingness to continue to work on the DMR with us.

4:50 Standing Committee discussed matters for ongoing governance work with Bishop Marc, including ordination requirements and challenges facing Sacred Space, Hayward.

5:15 Canonical Responsibilities of the Standing Committee

Richard Helmer will start regularly sending portions of canonical materials germane to the work of SC for preliminary reading and discussion at the subsequent meeting.

5:18 Standing Committee reviewed action items from this meeting.

5:30 Richard Helmer led closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,

The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer, BSG
Standing Committee Secretary

Approved at the January 7, 2014 Standing Committee meeting