

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California
Meeting Minutes - Approved
January 7, 2014

Grace Cathedral Chapter Room
1:00 to 5:00 pm

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

Absent: Mr. Ron Hermanson

12:55 Opening Prayer and Devotions were led by Sue Thompson.

1:05 Personal check-in for members was facilitated by Mary Vargas.

1:30 Standing Committee reviewed minutes from the December meeting.

MSCU (Walton/Paulin) Standing Committee approves the minutes from the December, 2013 meeting as presented.

1:33 Reports

- Commission on Ministry – Lori Walton
Confirmed upcoming conversations with postulants preparing for candidacy.
- Executive Council – Mary Vargas gave a brief report from the December meeting.
- Executive Compensation Committee – Brenda Paulin – nothing to report.
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees – Mary Vargas gave a brief report.
- Committee on Governance – Mary Vargas presented in lieu of Ron Hermanson Standing Committee, following a meeting with Executive Council officers, revised the list of priorities for the Committee on Governance, and will work with EC and CoG going forward in coordinating work efficiently.
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions – Chris Butler – no report.
- Scholarship Committee – Chris Butler – no updates
- Nominating Committee – Annette Rankin – no report.
- Episcopal Elections – Richard Helmer
 - o Episcopal election of Matthew Alan Gunter in Fond du Lac

MSCU (Thompson / Butler) The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California consents to the consecration of The Rev. Matthew Alan Gunter as Bishop of Fond du Lac.

- Diocesan Mutual Ministry Review – Sue Thompson and Brenda Paulin delivered their report:

The DMR meeting on December 13th finalized components of the survey and made plans for reporting out results of the survey. They have scheduled these meetings with Executive Council, Standing Committee, and diocesan staff.

Melissa Skelton has now sent an introductory email to everyone asked to complete the survey, which will be sent to participants in the next few days.

The DMR process is unfolding as scheduled.

2:40 Standing Committee took a break

3:05 Standing Committee discussed matters for ongoing governance work with the Bishop.

3:45 Focusing on the canons that determine its essential structure and "constitution", Standing Committee discussed its canonical responsibilities as part of ongoing study.

3:55 Mary Vargas confirmed that the March meeting agenda will be kept clear to discuss results of the Diocesan Ministry Review. Several interviews for candidacy will be included in the February and April agendas.

4:00 Bishop Marc joined the meeting.

The Standing Committee and Bishop discussed parishes and missions in transition in the Diocese; potential ways to further support young aspirants in their discernment for ordained ministry; and the development of supported curacies for new clergy.

5:05 Bishop Marc departed the meeting.

Standing Committee briefly reviewed plans for upcoming meetings.

5:08 Mary Vargas led closing prayer.

Faithfully submitted,

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

Approved by the Standing Committee at the February 4, 2014 meeting.