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STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes for 3 March, 2015; 1-6 PM
(approved at special SC meeting of 2015_0417)
Grace Cathedral, Chapter Room

Members Present: Mr. Jim DeMersman, The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (President), Mr. Ron Hermanson (Secretary), Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin, The Rev. Mark Spaulding, Ms. Mary Vargas (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton

Members Absent: None

- 1:00 Standing Committee opened with a centering exercise led by Mary Vargas as a reminder of the impact each of us has on others (thanks to Brenda Paulin for snacks).
- 1:05 Richard Edward facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:20 **MSCU (Rankin/DeMersman)** approved the February meeting minutes with the corrected spelling of Reagan Humber's name and after removing all but the key points and actions.
- 1:20 Standing Committee prepared for a meeting with the Rev. Alex Martin, Deacon.
- 1:30 Alex Martin joined the meeting for an interview regarding his call to priesthood.
- 2:00 Alex Martin left the meeting. Discussion focused on break-through meeting with Bp. Marc.
MSCU (Walton/Paulin) Standing Committee recommends Alex Martin for ordination to the priesthood.
- 2:05 Standing Committee prepared for a meeting with the Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes, Rector of St. Augustine's Church, Oakland, regarding a possible dissolution of the pastoral relationship there.
- 2:15 Brenda Paulin recused herself and left the meeting. **MSCU (Vargas/DeMersman)** to move to executive session. Fr. Fowlkes joined the meeting.
- 3:00 Fr. Fowlkes left the meeting. SC came out of executive session. Brenda Paulin joined the meeting.
MSCU (Rankin/Vargas) Standing Committee consents to the request from St. Giles Parish/Moraga to move to Mission status. Richard offered a letter written on behalf of SC to be sent to the St. Giles Vestry and the committee approved it as written.
- 3:30 Standing Committee prepared for a meeting with the Vestry of St. Augustine's Church, Oakland regarding a possible dissolution of the pastoral relationship there.
- 3:45 Brenda Paulin recused herself and left the meeting. **MSCU (DeMersman/Vargas)** to move to executive session. Members of the St. Augustine's Church Vestry joined the meeting.
- 4:30 The Vestry left the meeting. SC came out of executive session.

- 4:35 Bishop Marc and Brenda Paulin joined the meeting. Bp. Marc provided brief updates on three parishes including St. Timothy's, St. Mark's/Berkeley and St. Edmund's.
- 5:00 Christopher Hayes joined the meeting. SC prepared for a meeting and proposal from Kevin Gerber, President/CEO of Episcopal Senior Communities (ESC). According to Christopher, the key issue in the merger between the Northern California Presbyterian Homes & Services (NCPHS) and ESC is in the governance and loss of Episcopal, voting Board members.
- 5:35 Kevin Gerber and Laura Darling (ESC) joined the meeting. Kevin is requesting an exemption to the canons that would no longer require an Episcopal majority on the Board with no representative of the Bishop and no voting rights of Episcopal Board members representing DioCal. SC raised a number of questions, issues and concerns. The key challenge is to create a Board structure that complies with the canons. The conversation will continue between ESC, the Bishop's office and SC.
- 6:15 Kevin Gerber and Laura Darling left the meeting.
- 6:20 Richard led SC in the Lord's Prayer as we adjourned.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary, and approved at the 17 April special meeting.

Special Meeting of Standing Committee

Thursday, 12 March, 2015 at 4 PM

Conference Call

Members Present: The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (President), Mr. Ron Hermanson (Secretary), The Rev. Mark Spaulding, Ms. Mary Vargas (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton

Members Absent: Mr. Jim DeMersman, Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin

The special meeting relates to the current issue before SC of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Fr. Tyrone Fowlkes and St. Augustine's Church/Oakland. Specifically, SC will finalize our recommendations to Bp. Marc regarding the terms of a separation including compensation.

- 4:00 Richard called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present. Lori offered an introductory prayer.
- 4:02 **MSCU (Vargas/Walton)** to move to executive session.
- 4:42 SC moved out of executive session
- 4:45 Lori offered a closing prayer and we adjourned.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary, and approved at the 17 April special meeting.