



The Standing Committee  
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Minutes for 7 April, 2015; 1-5:30 PM  
(Approved at SC meeting of 2015\_0505)  
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 reflection from *An Apologia for my Life* entitled 'So, I stand by the Door' by the Rev. Samuel Moor Shoemaker led by Mark Spaulding (thanks to Mary Vargas for snacks).
- 1:05 Richard Edward facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:25 Standing Committee prepared for a postulant to candidate interview with Pam Jester.
- 1:35 Pam Jester joined the meeting for a candidate interview.
- 2:00 Pam Jester left the meeting.  
**MSCU (Vargas/Walton)** Standing Committee recommends Pam Jester for admission to candidacy to the vocational diaconate.
- 2:05 Standing Committee prepared for a postulant to candidate interview with Walter Ramsey.
- 2:15 Walter Ramsey joined the meeting for a candidate interview.
- 2:45 Walter Ramsey left the meeting. Discussion about the connection of the local parish in the whole process, parish gets disconnected, St. Aidan's created the model for LDC.  
**MSCU (Vargas/Spaulding)** Standing Committee recommends Walter Ramsey for admission to candidacy to the vocational diaconate.
- 2:50 Standing Committee reviewed three files for ordination. Discussion around the issue of failure to successfully pass all elements of the GOE for some candidates (also a past issue). Also, discussion continued on the role of the diaconate and the causes for not attracting younger deacons.  
**MSCU (Walton/Vargas)** Standing Committee recommends Reagan Humber and Julie McKeon for ordination as Transitional Deacons and Tim Smith for ordination as a Vocational Deacon.
- 3:00 Standing Committee continued its study of the canons; Richard reviewed SC and the Episcopate.

3:20 Standing Committee heard liaison reports:

**Elections – MSCU (DeMersman/Paulin)** Standing Committee consents to the election of the Very Rev. Peter Eaton as Bishop for the Diocese of Southeast Florida.

4:05 Bishop Marc and Canon Stefani Schatz joined the meeting

Bishop reviewed for SC various parish transitions now beginning around the diocese. In addition, there was discussion about the pending, needed work on updating the criteria necessary for classification as an Episcopal Institution.

4:45 Bishop Marc left the meeting. The Rev. Trish Cunningham and members of the Vestry from Trinity+St. Peter's joined the meeting for a review and discussion of their strategic plan as committed for April.

Plan addresses the four goals. At some point, it was discovered the group was not presenting the most recent update of the plan. Trish will forward the revised plan to SC. However, Trinity+St. Peter's is currently on track with their commitments to SC.

5:25 Trinity+St. Peter's and Canon Schatz left the meeting. Richard and Mary led discussion of open action items and early plans for the May agenda.

5:35 Mark Spaulding closed with prayer as we were adjourned.

Standing Committee held a special meeting on Friday, 17 April, 2015 to approve the meeting minutes from 3 March, 2015 by email vote. **MSCU (DeMersman/Spaulding)** to approve the March meeting minutes after removing all but the key points and actions.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary, for approval at the 5 May meeting.