



The Standing Committee
Diocese of California, The Episcopal Church
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Minutes for 2 June, 2015; 1-6 PM
(Approved at SC meeting of 150901)
Chapter Room, Grace Cathedral

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 devotion from the Celtic Prayer Book led by Lori Walton (thanks to Jim DeMersman for snacks).
- 1:05 Richard facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:25 **MSCU (DeMersman/Vargas)** to approve the May meeting minutes with a correction to a specific canon reference number (36.5g III).
- 1:30 Standing Committee discussed leadership and committee liaison succession planning for 2016-17. A tentative slate of officers for the 2015-16 SC was agreed with Lori Walton as President, Ron Hermanson as Vice President and Jim DeMersman as Secretary. Longer range planning produced a tentative 2016-17 slate of Ron Hermanson as President and Mark Spaulding as Vice President with Mark as President for 2017-18. For 2015-16 committee liaisons, we drafted a tentative slate of Brenda (EC and Nominations), Lori (Cathedral Trustees), Mark (ECC) and Jim (Episcopal Elections). We also discussed combining CoG with Dio Institutions with Ron as liaison and Annette moving into CoM. Annette is considering this. We also have two incoming, new members to back up our plans. For summer recruiting of 2016 SC, Brenda (calling Sheila Sims), Lori (calling Caroline McCall), Annette (calling Pam Jester), Mary or Lori (calling Stephen Hasset) and REH (calling Matthew DG regarding peninsula and city potentials, both lay and clergy).
- 2:15 Standing Committee continued our study of the canons led by Richard in a review of the section on SC and the Diocese.
- 2:45 Standing Committee heard liaison reports:
- Elections** – Jim presented two Bishop Elections requiring SC action from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.
- MSCU (Vargas/Walton)** Standing Committee consents to the elections of the Rev. Canon Audrey Cady Scanion as the 11th Bishop for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Rev. James ‘Russell’ Kendrick as the 4th Bishop for the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.
- 3:15 Richard reviewed Canon XI regarding the request from Christ the Lord, Pinole for parish status. SC discussed the materials submitted by Christ the Lord and will schedule action at the July SC meeting.

- 3:30 SC prepared for a meeting with St. Edmund's/Pacifica lay leadership including a review of the draft plan prepared and approved by the congregation for presentation at today's meeting.
- 4:00 Bishop Marc, CFO Tom Ferguson and the lay leadership of St. Edmund's/Pacifica joined the meeting including the Senior Warden and six other members of the congregation.
- Mission has plans to pay off debt to the diocese by end of 2016. Tom will assist in attempting to find complete documents relating to the Koch endowment and Bishop Marc to consider the viability of using this fund. Also, Tom will assist the congregation in improving their financial recording and tracking. The congregation will look to meet with other missions to identify best practices.
- 4:45 Tom Ferguson and the delegation from St. Edmund's left the meeting. Bishop Marc and SC continued the discussion about the challenges facing St. Edmund's.
- 5:00 SC enjoyed a planned time of celebration, thanksgiving, worship and hospitality with Bp. Marc.
- 6:00 The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Secretary, for approval at the 1 September meeting.