



The Standing Committee
Diocese of California, The Episcopal Church
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Minutes for 7 July, 2015; 1-6 PM
(Approved at SC meeting of 150901)
Chapter Room, Grace Cathedral

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

Members Absent: The Rev. Br. Richard Edward Helmer (President), The Rev. Mark Spaulding

1:00 Standing Committee opened with a devotional piece by Corinne McLaughlin and Gordon Davidson included in *Prayers for Healing* and edited by Maggie Oman (pp 148-149), led by Annette Rankin (thanks to Brenda Paulin for snacks).

1:05 Mary Vargas facilitated personal check-ins for members.

1:30 Melissa Ridlon and John Gruenig joined the meeting for a semi-annual update with the CoM leadership team. Lori led the discussion around an agenda of planned topics.

2:15 Standing Committee continued discussion on the request for parish status from Christ the Lord, Pinole.

The open question from last month is the Casitas lease with a current ending date of 12/31/15. SC will postpone and do email vote later in July pending the resolve of this issue.

2:30 Standing Committee continued discussion on leadership succession plans for 2016.

Lori, Ron and Jim are OK with current plans to assume new leadership roles effective 11/1/15. Liaisons will be as we discussed in June including Annette with CoM.

3:00 Standing Committee heard liaison reports:

Elections – Jim presented one election for Bishop requiring SC action from the Diocese of Dallas. **MSCU (DeMersman/Walton)** Standing Committee consents to the election of the Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner as the 7th Bishop for the Diocese of Dallas.

3:30 SC prepared for a meeting with the Vicar and Warden's from St. John's/Clayton.

4:00 The Rev. Amanda May along with Senior Warden (Jim) and Junior Warden (Paul) joined the meeting from St. John's/Clayton to review a proposal to sub-divide and sell a portion of the existing church property.

MSCU (DeMersman/Rankin) with Brenda Paulin abstaining, Standing Committee approves the subdivision of the existing lot (since it includes a consecrated church) and subsequent sale of the land parcel as proposed by St. John's/Clayton per Canon 19.01.

- 4:30 Canon Stefani Schatz joined the meeting for diocesan updates in the absence of Bishop Marc.
- 5:00 Action items and meeting wrap-up
- 5:30 Meeting was adjourned.

Standing Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, 15 July, 2015 to approve the proposed change from mission to parish status for Christ the Lord/Pinole by email vote. All members were present. **MSCU (Vargas/Helmer)** to approve the proposed change from mission to parish status for Christ the Lord/Pinole.

Standing Committee held a special meeting by telephone conference on Monday, 3 August, 2015 at 5 PM with Bishop Marc Andrus, Canon to the Ordinary Stefani Schatz and Chancellor Christopher Hayes. All SC members were present except Annette Rankin. **MSCU (Spaulding/DeMersman)** to move to Executive Session. Standing Committee moved out of Executive Session. **MSCU (Hermanson/DeMersman)** to support a resolution of a dispute between Episcopal Senior Communities and the Episcopal Diocese of California as proposed by the Bishop and the Chancellor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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