



Minutes for 6 and 17 October, 2015
(Approved at SC meeting of 151103)
Grace Cathedral Chapter Room

Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
1055 Taylor Street / San Francisco, CA 94108
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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 responsive, mid-day, worship form for perseverance and renewal led by Richard Edward (thanks to Jim DeMersman for snacks).
- 1:05 Richard Edward called the meeting to order and facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:30 **MSCU (Hermanson/DeMersman)** to approve the Consent Agenda with September minutes approval postponed until later in the meeting.
- 1:30 Standing Committee prepared for postulate to candidate interviews with Stephen Smith and Brendan Williams.
- 1:55 Standing Committee conducted a postulate to candidate interview with Stephen Smith.
- 2:20 Standing Committee conducted a postulate to candidate interview with Brendan Williams.
- 2:50 Discussion and votes
Postulate to Candidate Christian Lehrer (September interview), Standing Committee will stay with our recommendation to proceed with candidacy. However, the Bishop will delay this step.
MSCU (DeMersman/Vargas) to recommend candidacy for Stephen Smith
Standing Committee is not ready to recommend candidacy for Brendan Williams at this time but would like to interview him again in six months with more information from his field Ed supervisor in the second year.
- 3:25 **MSCU (Paulin/Vargas)** to approve the meeting minutes from 1 September and 8 September with an edit to the last sentence from 9/8 to read 'that we send the CoM an email about making sure.....'
- 3:25 Standing Committee postponed the planned study of the Canons relating to SC and ordinations due to the tight, agenda time.
- 3:40 Standing Committee heard liaison reports:
EC – Mark attended, discussion around why it has been so long since the last meeting of the ECC. As the new liaison to ECC, Mark will find out.
GC Trustees – the Board is looking to update the strategic plan
CoG – discussion focused on EMPS – an institution or not?
No other reports

- 4:05 Meeting with Bishop Marc, Canon Stefani Schatz and Christopher Hayes **MSCU (DeMersman/Vargas)** to move to executive session.
Standing Committee moved out of executive session.
Bishop Marc reviewed the status of multiple parishes and missions around DioCal that are declining in both attendance and financial reserves. Some parishes will need to become missions. Discussion about the future pressure this may have on diocesan financial and human resources. Capital campaign is off to a good start and will be formally kicked off this weekend at convention which begins this Friday, 10/16, at 2 PM. Bp. Marc offered a closing prayer with thanks for the exemplary service of Richard and Mary and the ongoing work of the SC. Bp. Marc, Cn. Stefani and Christopher departed the meeting.
- 5:15 Departing reflections from Richard and Mary. Meeting wrap up
- 5:45 Meeting was adjourned.

Addendum to the regular October meeting

17 October, 2015; 3:40-3:50 PM
Gresham Hall, Grace Cathedral

Members present: Mr. Jim DeMersman, Mr. Ron Hermanson, Mr. Andrew Lee, Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Mark Spaulding, The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez and The Rev. Lori Walton

Members absent: The Rev. Annette Rankin

This special and traditional ‘kitchen cabinet’ meeting of SC was convened during the annual, DioCal convention at approximately 3:40 PM in Gresham Hall at Grace Cathedral. Mr. Andrew Lee from Christ Church, Sausalito (Marin Deanery) and The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez from St. Paul’s, Walnut Creek (Contra Costa Deanery) were welcomed with our congratulations on their election to the SC class of 2018-19.

A slate of officers for 2015-16, as discussed in recent SC meetings, was proposed as follows:

- Jim DeMersman nominated Lori Walton as President
- Brenda Paulin nominated Ron Hermanson as Vice President
- Lori Walton nominated Jim DeMersman as Secretary

There were no additional nominations. The vote to approve the slate as proposed was **MSCU**.

Lori reviewed dates and preliminary plans for the upcoming, SC, annual retreat at St. Dorothy’s Rest on 11/13.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 PM

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, 2014-15 Secretary, for approval at the 3 November meeting.