



Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
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Meeting Minutes for 3 November, 2015
1-5:30 PM
Grace Cathedral Chapter Room

Members Present: Mr. Andrew Lee, Mr. Ron Hermanson (Vice President), Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin, The Rev. Mark Spaulding, The Rev. Sylvia Vásquez, The Rev. Lori Walton (President)

Members Absent: Mr. Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

- 1:00 Standing Committee opened with a welcome prayer led by Mark (thanks to Annette for snacks).
- 1:05 Lori called the meeting to order and facilitated personal check-ins for members with a caution to limit each person to one highlight and one challenge since our last meeting.
- 1:25 **MSCU (Rankin/Paulin)** to approve the Consent Agenda with the 6 October meeting minutes. **MSCU (Vásquez/Lee)** to approve the minutes of 17 October after removing Annette's name from attendance.
- 1:30 Lori and Ron did preliminary orientation for all members with focus on the two newest ones.
- 2:00 Standing Committee did file reviews of four (4) transitional deacons for ordination to the priesthood including Wendy Cliff, Reagan Humber, Julia McKeon and Deb White. Also reviewed Nancy Ross who is a candidate for ordination to the transitional diaconate. Annette (CoM liaison) did a presentation to SC based on her extensive review of each file (5). Files and documents complete and in order for all five.
MSCU (Walton/Spaulding) SC consents to the ordination of Wendy Cliff to the priesthood
MSCU (Paulin/Walton) SC consents to the ordination of Reagan Humber to the priesthood
MSCU (Walton/Rankin) SC consents to the ordination of Julia McKeon to the priesthood
MSCU (Paulin/Spaulding) SC consents to the ordination of Deb White to the priesthood
MSCU (Spaulding/Paulin) SC consents to the ordination of Nancy Ross to the transitional diaconate
New members Andrew Lee and Sylvia Vásquez abstained from all five votes
- 2:30 Standing Committee renewed discussion (from 10/6) on the postulant to candidate status of Br. Brendan Williams.
MSCU (Rankin/Spaulding) to recommend for candidacy and ordination to the priesthood. New members Lee and Vasquez abstained.
- 3:00 Standing Committee heard liaison reports.
- 3:30 SC discussed plans for the upcoming, 2016, planning retreat scheduled for 11/13-11/14/15 at St. Dorothy's Rest.

- 4:05 Meeting with Canon Stefani Schatz and Christopher Hayes (Bishop Marc returning from New York)
Received updates on status for Trinity+St. Peter's, St. Edmund's, Holy Innocents Corte Madera and St. Columba's. Looking to move the last two from parish to mission status in the next few months. EC just approved assessment relief for Holy Innocents Corte Madera.
MSCU (Paulin/Rankin) to move to executive session.
MSCU (Rankin/Walton) to move out of executive session.
Christopher is OK for CoG to start collecting information/data regarding institutions (except ESC).
- 5:15 Meeting wrap up action items: meeting with Holy Innocents, Corte Madera and St. Columba's this winter, determine if MMR should be done in 2016.
- 5:45 Closing prayer (led by Mark) and adjournment.

Submitted by Ron Hermanson, Acting Secretary