



Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
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Meeting Minutes for 1 December, 2015
1-5:30 PM
(Not yet approved)
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), Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

Members Absent: None

- 1:00 Standing Committee opened with a welcome prayer led by Ron (thanks to Mark for snacks).
- 1:05 Lori called the meeting to order and facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:20 **MSC(Lee/ Vásquez)** to approve the 3 November meeting minutes. DeMersman abstained.
- 1:30 Standing Committee conducted a postulant to candidate interview with Alberta Buller as a candidate for the vocational diaconate.
- 2:00 Standing Committee conducted a postulant to candidate interview Charlotte Wilson as a candidate for the priesthood.
- 2:30 Standing Committee discussed the candidate interviews and made the following recommendations:
MSCU (Paulin/Rankin) SC consents to the move to candidacy for the vocational diaconate for Alberta Buller.
MSCU (Hermanson/Spaulding) SC consents to the move to candidacy for the priesthood for Charlotte Wilson.
- 2:45 Standing Committee welcomed George Rangitsch, Sr. Warden/Treasurer, Suzanne Rangitsch, Vestry Member, the Rev. Robert Weldy, Rector from St. Columba's, Inverness and Canon Stefani Schatz to discuss the matter of the parish's move to mission status as per Canon 11.08. All were in agreement that this has been a long time coming in light of the parish's inability to fully compensate a full time rector and to care for the church property and retreat center in the manner that is needed. As a mission, they felt that they would be able to sustain a part-time rector and perhaps make some progress into the deferred maintenance of the property.
- 3:15 After a brief discussion, the Standing Committee voted **MSCU (Vásquez/Spaulding)** to recommend to the Bishop that St. Columba's, Inverness be moved from parish to mission status.
- 3:30 Standing Committee took a break and had its annual picture taken for the DioCal web site.
- 3:45 Standing Committee heard liaison reports.

4:00 Meeting with Canon Stefani Schatz and Christopher Hayes (Bishop Marc is in Paris and the World Climate Conference)

Canon Schatz talked about next steps for St. Columba's, Inverness and for the Rev. Robert Weldy. There was no news on the other fragile parishes at this time. She and the Bishop will keep us apprised.

MSCU (Vásquez/Hermanson) to move to Executive Session.

MSCU (Paulin/Rankin) to move out of Executive Session.

There was no reportable action taken in Executive Session

Christopher clarified the role of Chancellor vs. Church Attorney for the Standing Committee so that we could make our annual appointment today.

Stefani gave us a brief report on the important work going on in Paris at the World Climate Conference and how our delegation is participating with prayer and services. There is a blog, Instagram and Facebook posts so that we can stay abreast of the happenings.

She reminded us about the joint Executive Council/Standing Committee holiday meeting/dinner on December 15 and that we would be getting an evite from the Bishop's office soon.

4:20 **MSCU (Spaulding/Paulin)** To approve the nomination of James Alexander, Esq. as the Church Attorney for 2016.

4:30 Closing prayer (led by Ron) and adjournment.

Submitted by Jim DeMersman, Secretary