



Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
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Meeting Minutes for 18 July, 2016
1-3:40 PM
Grace Cathedral Chapter House
Dining Room

Present: Rev. Lori Walton (President), Mr. Ron Hermanson (Vice President), Rev. Mark Spaulding, Mr. Andrew Lee, Ms. Brenda Paulin, Mr. Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

Absent: Rev. Sylvia Vasquez, Rev. Annette Rankin

- 1:00 p.m.** Meeting opened with devotions led by Lori and with personal check-ins. (thanks to Mark for snacks)
- 1:20 p.m.** SC had a brief update about nominees for SC at Convention in October and Lori asked for ideas for her remarks to Convention, particularly relating to accomplishments for the past year.
- 1:35 p.m.** **MSCU** (Hermanson/Lee) The Minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- 1:40 p.m.** The SC reviewed the file for the ordination of Christian Lehrer.
MSC (Spaulding/Hermanson) To recommend Christian Lehrer for ordination to the priesthood.. Lee abstained. Since we did not have the form, we will sign it in September but will relay our vote to the Vocations Officer.
- 1:45 p.m.** The SC reviewed the nominations for SC for the October 2016 election
- 1:50 p.m.** Lori asked for thoughts and ideas that should be included in report to Convention in October.
- 1:55 p.m.** Approval of the Appointees
MSCU (Hermanson/Lee) To approve Cecille Catterson, Emily Hopkins, Rev. Ambrose Carroll, and Grant Bushee for the Board of Directors for Episcopal Charities.
MSCU (Lee/Paulin) To approve Dr. Griffin for the Bishop's Ranch Board of Directors.
- 1:57 p.m.** SC heard Liaison Reports
- 2:10 p.m.** Bishop Marc and Chancellor Christopher Hayes joined the SC
The SC heard an update on Canon Stefani Schatz's health and what we can do to help support Stefani and Joe. Bishop also shared an update what is being done to fill her duties.
We had an update on fragile parishes. There was a discussion about clergy misconduct training and the need for it to be more robust in the Diocese.
We had a brief discussion about upcoming Convention in October.

The SC asked for some clarification on some of the finer points of the new Canon on appointment of Board members to Diocesan Institutions.

- Who is to inform the Institutions about this new Canon change? They should be hearing from Dio House.
- Is email or regular mail needed for the submission of forms? Email is fine
- What is the preferred method to get Bishop signature: We should send to Mary, his assistant, for his signature.
- Once form completed, who gets copies: A copy should go to David Franquist as Secretary of Convention, a copy to the organization, and a copy to stay with the Minutes of SC.
- What happens if they don't meet Canon? The representative of the Institution should come to the SC and tell us why there is not a majority of Episcopalians. ESC is one group that should be contacted in the near future to have a conversation with the SC about its plan to follow the new Canon. The Bishop and SC would need to approve the plan.
- Does SC need to have a liaison with all Diocesan Institutions? A liaison may not be needed to every institution but several members might take on some of the more prominent institution Boards to check in with them every once in a while(maybe once a year). This will help to make it a living relationship more than a legal representation.

MSCU: (Lee/Spaulding) To move into Executive Session

MSCU: (Spaulding/Hermanson) To move out of Executive Session with no reportable action.

The Bishop announced that the Presiding Bishop is coming in May 2017 from a Wednesday through a Saturday for an EcoConfirmation and Commencement at CDSP. Bishop Marc has been appointed Chair of EcoJustice Commission for the Episcopal Church and is off to a meeting in NYC this week.

3:40 PM Closing Prayer led by Lori

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim DeMersman, Secretary