



Standing Committee  
Episcopal Diocese of California  
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Meeting Minutes for 6 September, 2016  
1-3:30 PM  
Grace Cathedral Chapter House

**Present:** Rev. Lori Walton (President), Mr. Ron Hermanson (Vice President), Rev. Sylvia Vasquez, Rev. Annette Rankin, Mr. Andrew Lee, Ms. Brenda Paulin, Mr. Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

**Absent:** Rev. Mark Spaulding (on sabbatical)

**1:00 p.m.** Meeting opened with devotions led by Lori and with personal check-ins (thanks to Brenda for snacks)

**1:15 p.m.** **MSC (Lee/Paulin)** To approve the Minutes of the July meeting. Vasquez and Rankin abstained.

**1:20 p.m.** SC had a brief discussion about our report to Convention in October.

**1:25 p.m.** SC heard liaison reports

**Commission on Ministry:** We will be busy in October and November. We will have 2 candidate interviews in October and November and there are 4 file reviews for ordination to the priesthood in November. Annette will come to November meeting as non-voting member but as our “consultant.”

**Executive Council:** Brenda’s report was passed out to members of the SC.

**Nominating Committee:** Ron had an update from Bill Cullen. For SC there are 5 clergy and 2 lay people on the ballot to fill 3 clergy positions and 1 lay position.

**Episcopal Elections: MSCU: (Paulin/Lee)** To consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray as the 11th Bishop Diocesan of Easton.

**2:00 p.m.** SC was joined by Bishop Marc, interim CtO Eric Metoyer and Chancellor Christopher Hayes.

Lori thanked Rev. Sylvia Vasquez for her service on the Standing Committee this past year and for her service to the Diocese. We wished her well in her retirement and her return home to Texas.

SC heard about a variety of issues: state of candidates in the process, particularly more young people in the Diaconate, the role of the church in Integrity and transgender issues, Diocesan staff issues, update on capital campaign, and upcoming convention in October. The Bishop of Cuba will be our guest at convention and. Sandra Monez will be our musical guest.

**MSCU: (Rankin/Paulin)** To move into Executive Session

**MSCU: (Lee/Paulin)** To move out of Executive Session with no reportable action

**3:30 p.m.** Closing prayer led by Lori and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim DeMersman, Secretary