

**Executive Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
ZOOM**

Attendance: **Present Absent Excused**

Officers:

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Handley Andrus Bishop and President **P**
Richard Patenaude Chair, Class of 2021 **P**
The Rev. Jon Owens Vice Chair, Class of 2022 **P**
Mees Tielens Secretary, Class of 2021 **P**

Class of 2021:

Bruce Morrow P
Eleanor Prugh P
Don Miller P
The Rev. Merry Chan Ong P **Anna Haight P**

Class of 2022:

Marj Leeds P
Birgit Eschmann P
Tom Matthews P

Class of 2023:

Aidan Jobe-Sea P
Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore P
The Rev. Lindy Bunch P
The Rev. Krista Fregoso P
Sherry Lund P
Elaine Vallecillo-Miller P

Bishop's Appointees:

The Rev. Liz Tichenor P
Bruno Peguese P
Ana Marina Vaquero A
Edgar Woo P

Ex-officio members:

The Rev. Richard Edward Helmer Secretary of the Convention **P**
Lane Ringlee Treasurer of the Diocese **P**

Diocesan Staff:

The Rev. Canon Abbott Bailey Canon to the Ordinary **P**
Jim Forsyth Interim CFO **P**
The Rev. Michele Racusin CFO **P**
Davey Gerhard Director of Development **P**

Other attendees:

Christopher Hayes, Esq. Chancellor of the Diocese **P**
Albe Larsen Standing Committee **P**

4:36 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

4:37 Approval Items

- Meeting Agenda
- Minutes of Meeting of February 16, 2021

Elaine Vallecillo-Miller moves to approve the minutes. The motion is seconded and passes without discussion.

4:39 Bishop's Time

The Bishop introduces a recommendation from leadership at Grace Cathedral to charge admission (as happens in many cathedrals) and/or create a set of 'cultural memberships' that would give people ability to attend events, exhibits etc. The council discusses the opportunity admission would create for revenue, the different options for such a system, and the need to balance the financial needs of the Cathedral with (symbolic and literal) access to the Cathedral.

5:04 Chancellor's Time

Bishop Marc moves to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. The motion is seconded and passes; the council enters executive session at 5:04PM and exits at 5:31PM.

5:31 Financial Report

Lane Ringlee updates the Council on the financials. There are minimal changes in the LOC report and no new troublesome items on the arrearages report. The Program and Budget Committee will meet in May.

5:36 Break

5:50 Reports

- St. Dorothy's Rest Update
SDR is currently hiring summer staff for the in-person camps they will run through July 31 and at least one week of virtual hospital camp. Katie Evenbeck has returned from her sabbatical; a business plan is in the works and SDR is also preparing the office building for a potential sale. The environmental easement with Sonoma County is clear to go forward. Davey Gerhard reminds the council that they will need to approve the anticipated second round of funding from Expanding Horizons to cover personnel costs past the end of April.
- Technology & Internet Access Update – The Rev. Jon Owens
The heads of the deaneries met to recruit representation from each deanery. The group started a Padlet for online brainstorming. Jon Owens clarifies that the group is not engaged in outreach or charity, but in creating a just system of universal access.
- Standing Committee Report – Albe Larsen

The Standing Committee met on March 11. They discussed the building project at our Savior with the Rev. Merry Chan Ong and Kathleen Piraino, continued efforts working more closely with the Commission on Ministry, and canonical requirements around governance.

6:11 Nominations/Governance Committees Appointments

The council appoints Sherry Lund and Don Miller to the Committee on Governance. Richard Patenaude volunteers to take place on the Nominations Committee. Tom Matthews moves the Council approve Richard's appointment. The motion passes. Marj Leeds is preparing to lead work on the sabbatical policy for clergy.

The Council discusses the current process of cultivating diocesan leadership and the work the Standing Committee is doing to improve the leadership pipeline. Executive Council members interested in this issue are encouraged to get in touch with the Standing Committee directly.

~~6:00—Discussion—*We Shall Be Changed*, First Conversation: Distancing and Deepening~~

6:32 Talking Points

-- Nominations are opening for committee work soon.
--SDR is gearing up for camps this summer at half capacity. Katie Evenbeck has returned from sabbatical.
--Universal wifi access. Padlet brainstorming sessions
<https://padlet.com/alamedadeanerywebsite/wssktd9eip10gluq>

Deanery Reports

Alameda met on 3/11 with an emphasis on identifying members of all deaneries to work on the universal wifi access project. Given the struggling congregations in the deanery, all deanery dues are voluntary this year.

San Francisco met on 3/13 and had a good discussion about the post-pandemic church.

Peninsula met on 3/6 to elect a VP, approve new bylaws, structure new committees and work towards collaboration within the deanery.

Contra Costa meets on 3/18. Southern Alameda meets in May. Marin is working out scheduling.

Next Executive Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

6:40 Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mees Tielens', written in a cursive style.

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Secretary of Executive Council

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