



Diocese of California Standing Committee  
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**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2023, 4:00 PM**

**ZOOM**

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**PRESENT:** Mauricio Wilson, president; Sean McConnell, vice-president; Jane Stratford, secretary; Robyn Amos; Carolyn Bolton; Gretchen Lintner; Audrey Miskelley; Warren Wong.

**GUESTS** **Paul Fromberg:** *joined the meeting @ 4:44 PM; left the meeting @ 6:12 PM.*  
**Brenda Paulin:** *joined the meeting @ 4:44 PM; left the meeting @ 6:12 PM.*  
**Bp. Marc Andrus:** *joined the meeting @ 5:05 PM; left the meeting @ 5:16 PM.*  
**Cn Christopher Hayes:** *joined the meeting @ 6:01 PM; left the meeting @ 6:26 PM.*  
**Cn. Debbie Low Skinner;** *joined the meeting @ 6:01 PM; left the meeting @ 6:26 PM.*

**4:06 PM** **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER**  
*Offered by Mauricio from Lectionary for 12/13 - Matt. 11:28-30 plus prayer from St. Patrick's breastplate.*

**4:11 PM** **CONSENT CALENDAR:**  
• *Minutes November 9, 2023*  
**Motion to accept consent calendar.**  
**Moved/Warren Wong; Second/Robyn Amos;**  
**Carried/Unanimously.**

**4:14 PM** **TRANSITION DISCUSSION**  
*Mauricio thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to ensuring a successful election.*  
*SC discussed memo from Bp. Marc re. transition.*

**4:44 PM** **SEARCH AND TRANSITION PROCESS**  
*Paul Fromberg, Brenda Paulin*  
• *MW thanked Brenda & Paul for a successful search process and updated them re. consent process.*  
• *There is a meeting scheduled for 1/14/2024 w/ bishop coadjutor elect to plan*



*consecration. Mauricio will attend.*

- *Need approval of the customary for consecration.*
- *Question about reimbursement for Augusta's travel. Mauricio to follow up with CFO.*
- *Questions about transition. The only big expense is relocation. Discussed gifts for Austin as he becomes our bishop – episcopal attire etc. Recommendation to prepare list and publish it and invite people to buy items or donate.*
- *Some uncertainty about goodbye to Bp. Marc and Sheila. Warren confirmed SC previously agreed to appoint an advisory group of 5-6 people to help organize w/ STC knowledge.*
- *Per CA law the LOA w/ Bp. elect is responsibility of EC not SC. Rev. Kirstin Spaulding has contacted bishop coadjutor elect and will work with Mauricio as national Church canons stipulate it should be the responsibility of SC. Final approval will happen at joint EC/SC retreat in January.*
- *Subcommittee on transition – Pamela, Don, Mary & Birgit w/ assistance from those whose sub-committee work has finished. Their main focus is the consecration plus the relocation. STC are working w/ the presiding bishop's office on consecration.*

**5:05 PM BISHOP'S TIME**

*Bp. Marc Andrus; Cn. Debbie Low Skinner, Cn Christopher Hayes*  
***Mauricio Wilson passed chair to Sean McConnell.***

**5:07 PM Motion to enter Executive Session.**

***Moved/Mauricio Wilson; Second/Robyn Amos;***  
***Caried/Unanimously.***

**6:00 PM Motion to exit Executive Session.**

***Moved/Mauricio Wilson; Second/Gretchen Lintner;***  
***Caried/Unanimously.***  
***Sean McConnell passed the chair back to Mauricio Wilson.***

**6:01 PM Bp. Marc left the meeting. Cn. Christopher Hayes, chancellor, and Cn. Debbie Low Skinner, canon to the Ordinary, joined the meeting.**

- *Cn. Christopher Hayes outlined the sale agreement for St. John's, Clayton. While the financial agreement is the purview of EC, SC have authority over consecrated property so are being asked to approve the revised terms.*

***Motion to approve revised terms of sale agreement and new licensing terms.***

***Moved/Warren Wong; Second/Jane Stratford;***  
***Carried/by majority.***

- *Discussion about respective roles in bishop elect LOA and compensation. Episcopal church canons make LOA purview of SC but CA law requires it is the board of directors, so DioCal canons state it is the responsibility of the EC.*
- *Discussed concerns re. slim clergy quorum margin at electing convention. SC in*



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*consultation with Cn Hayes will consider changing how clergy quorum is determined.*

- *Cn. Debbie updated SC on search for Cn. for Racial and Social justice.*
- *Cn. Debbie has not yet received any RFP for Holy Innocents, Corte Madera.*

**6:26 PM BREAK**

**6:32 PM CHECK-IN**

*Members of SC checked in.*

**6:44 PM COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)  
*SC need to sign approvals. Will have to happen electronically. Jane will confirm which SC members were at each meeting where approval took place and let Travis know. Erin Wiens St. John's ordination was delayed by a medical emergency.*
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton) – *nothing to report.*
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Mauricio Wilson) – *met yesterday Mauricio was unable to attend due to prior commitment.*
- Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner) – *no report.*
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos/Warren Wong)  
*St. Dorothy's Rest board of Director's met Tuesday and Robyn plans to attend the Xmas Party. The board reorganization is going well.*
- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford) – *no report.*
- Executive compensation Committee (Audrey Miskelley) – *no report.*
- Episcopal Elections (Mauricio Wilson) – *no report.*

**6:58 PM NEW BUSINESS**

- Clergy quorum issue.  
*Gretchen, Audrey and Sean will work on proposal for new recommendation.*
- Memo  
*SC discussed memo from Bp Marc. SC agreed they need to meet directly with Bishop coadjutor elect and hear his perspective before they can proceed.*

**6:54 PM OLD BUSINESS**

- Retreat w/ EC  
*Audrey, Mauricio and Robyn will work on agenda for retreat. Jane will confirm details of stay w/ Bishop's Ranch.*

**7:27 PM CLOSING PRAYER by Robyn**

**7:30 PM ADJOURNMENT**