



Diocese of California Standing Committee
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STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2024 (via Zoom)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85955118212>

PRESENT: Sean McConnell, president; Gretchen Lintner, secretary; Carolyn Bolton; Audrey Miskelley; Don Miller; Beth Foote; Vinie Miller

GUESTS: Rev. Canon Sierra Reyes, Canon to the Ordinary, Canon Christopher Hayes, Chancellor, Dr. Travis Stevens, Diocese Vocations Officer, Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge, Barbara Ruffin-Boston, co-chairs of the Committee on Ministry.

EXCUSED: Jane Stratford

4:03 PM CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER – Rev. Beth Foote
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Feast Day

4:10 PM CONSENT CALENDAR:

- Reports from the Committee on Ministry, Executive Council, Diocesan Institutions – accepted with no objection.

4:13 PM DISCUSSION

- Discussion of role of liaison to Committee on Governance and plans for its rejuvenation with selection to add needed representatives

4:20 PM CHECK INS

4:30 PM COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
Guests – Dr. Travis Stevens – Diocese Vocations Officer
Co-chairs - Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge, Barbara Ruffin-Boston from COM
Guests introduced themselves – Audrey & Beth referred to their submitted report.

- Meeting with COM, Bishop and Canon to Ordinary set for January 28 to review current applicant/candidates list along with status update:

- where we are; what is working; perhaps a pause to “re-vision?”
- Clarification of SC Role with COM: 2 X paperwork review and one interview.
 - Discussion on how SC can best support COM and those who are seeking ordination in/by this process.
 - What is our relationship and how do we best advise and consent in support of the Bishop. Cameron shared info. in process. Travis spoke to the “testimony” of the affidavit for support of Ordination. Various SC members spoke their thoughts on evolving this process.

5:00 PM BISHOP’S TIME

- With the absence of the Bishop, Canon Sierra provided various updates to the Committee.
- There is an ongoing search for an Executive Assistant for Bishop/Diocese. The position is open.
- The Congregational Development Committee is in development and will be reviewed with the Executive Council. There will be an application process. The committee has been dormant although it is canonically mandated. It is expected to be organized by the end of 1st quarter. It will review questions such as what is a Mission/subsidy, and the impacts of a transfer to Mission status, etc.
- SC were given an update on St. Lucy's, the new specialized mission being planted by Emily Curran Hanson. SC sent a letter to the clergy of Alameda Deanery regarding this new congregation within their deanery but there is still some confusion pertaining to SC’s role. SC reviewed the canons on the establishment of specialized Missions which are not tied to location but serve particular needs.
- The Chancellor, Christopher Hayes, informed SC that the final process of the pending St. Dorothy's Rest land sale was underway.

5:40 PM OLD BUSINESS

- Church of Our Savior, Oakland: building sale. – Request for additional information from the congregation related to review/approval.
- **Motion to approve the sale of a gift of real estate recently received from the Estate of Beatrice Oi Yun Chow, a beloved long-time member of the congregation, by St. James, San Francisco, comprising a three-unit property at 3009-3011 Balboa Street in San Francisco.**
Moved Gretchen Lintner; Second Don Miller. Carried unanimously.

6:00 PM COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

- Commission on Ministry (Audrey Miskelley & Beth Foote) Attached
- Executive Council (Jane Stratford) Attached.

- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Sean McConnell - President) No report.
- Committee on Governance (Vinie Miller) No report.
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Don Miller) Attached.
- Committee on Nominations (Gretchen Lintner) No report.
- Episcopal Elections (Sean McConnell - President) No report.

6:05 PM NEW BUSINESS

- **The Standing Committee of the Diocese of California consent to the election of the Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux as the Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri**
Motion Sean McConnell. Carried with no objection.
- Sean informed SC of his planned absence for the January 9 meeting
- SC discussed upcoming guests:
 - o January - *Arlene Stanich-Prince of Oblhoff Recovery Programs from Oblhoff House*
 - o February – *Emily Hanson Curran from St. Lucy's.*
 - o *John Kirkley from the Strategic Visioning Committee*

6:10 PM CLOSING PRAYER by Gretchen

6:11pm ADJORNED