

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California

Minutes

Meeting May 4, 2010

Present: Mr. Paul Evans (*president*), the Rev. Ron Culmer (*vice president*), Dr. Ron Johnson (*secretary*), Ms. Peggy Greene, the Rev. Bruce Smith, Mr. Bob Birss, the Rev. David Ota, the Rev. Nina Pickerrell

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Paul Evans. Ms. Peggy Greene gathered us with a meditative reading and prayer.

Minutes:

MSCU (David, Bob) to approve corrected minutes of April 6, 2010.

Commission on Ministry

Paul Evans will contact the Rev. Kenneth Schmidt, COM co-chair, with the Standing Committee's response to Mr. Justin Cannon's e-mail communication.

Standing Committee Officers – 2011

Paul expressed his preference that nominees to offices for next year's Standing Committee be selected earlier than usual. He requests that members submit their preference and why s/he seeks that office.

St. Paul's Nursery School

David Ota communicated to the Rev. Thomas Skillings the Standing Committee's approval of the lease agreement to be entered into between St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Nursery School. The agreement is to enable use of a portion of Church facilities for the School.

Christ Church, Sausalito

MSCU Peggy/Bob to approve granting easement already approved by Executive Council for PG&E to lay utilities underground on Christ Church property.

UC Canterbury

Conditions of the agreement were modified from a 99-year lease to a 75 year lease. Further discussion tabled until the Bishop arrives at the meeting.

Trinity

Building studied to determine if a steel frame is a part of its construction, making restoration less expensive. Further discussion tabled until the Bishop arrives.

Deanery Task Force

Task force is seeking to make Deaneries more active in diocesan mission by involving more congregations. More active leadership is needed.

Nominating Committee

Question raised about carrying out the diocesan canon [XVI 16.01,h(ii)] requiring that a register be maintained listing persons cross referenced with their gifts and skills who might be interested in serving on a committee.

Needs for committees are: (1) job descriptions, (2) notification of open positions, (3) deadlines (4) who vets applicants for their qualification? Does the committee do this?

Bishop Marc, Mr. Christopher Hayes and Mr. Jim Forsyth were welcomed to the meeting

UC Canterbury

Continued discussion of approving the Canterbury Lease agreement. David Ota opposed the agreement because it seemed not to be a good deal for the diocese and that it did not support a full time campus minister. The lease was approved pending review of the contract. The Bishop is satisfied since the diocese gets a refurbished building and an Episcopal ministry presence on campus.

Compensation

maintenance and/or sale of Bishop's housing still under discussion
standing committee is the authority in real estate issues
Bob Birss is the Standing Committee representative

Governance:

Bishop assents to Peter Jensen as governance committee chair.

Institutions:

David Ota offered to write letters of invitation to those whom the SC agreed to appoint (John Talbert-Hall, Gary Hunt, John Sutton)
Bishop assents to John Sutton as committee chair
Steering group will be formed by members of the working group
MSCU (David/Ron) members of the institutions working group

Trinity

Structural engineers contacted to get estimates on stabilizing the building. Bishop expressed that in spite of the small number of congregants, they are committed to the parish.

St. Peters

The congregation is not officially considered a mission. Congregation has received \$1.17 million HUD funds. Funds are not in escrow as set forth in an agreement.

St. James (Oakland)

John Rawlinson, priest serving at St. James, Oakland, has met with the Bishop. Conversations will continue.

Bp Marc, Mr. Hayes and Jim Forsyth departed

Executive Council Report

There was an inquiry from Executive Council about the lack of minutes of Standing Committee meetings on the web site. The secretary will redact confidential entries from 2010 meetings and post them on the Standing Committee's web site.

Adjournment David/Bruce

Meeting adjourned 4:45pm.
Next meeting snacks & prayers – Ron Culmer

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Ron Johnson
Secretary