

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California

Minutes

Meeting September 7, 2010

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

Absent: Mr. Bob Birss

Guests: Shelton Ensley, Chair, Executive Council
Roulhac Austin, Vice-Chair, Executive Council

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Paul Evans. Dr. Ron Johnson gathered us with prayer.

Executive Council Ensley and Austin report to Standing Committee

Explanation of assessment issue to Standing Committee
Deanery Task Force (DTF) update

Mr. Ensley and Ms. Austin were excused from the meeting.

MSCU (Peggy, Ron C.) at 2:25 pm the Standing Committee adjourned and reconvened in Executive Session.

MSCU (Peggy, Ron C) at 2:45 pm the Standing Committee reconvened.

Compensation

The committee is up and running. Lyon Street will be evaluated. The Committee is also looking elsewhere for an alternative location in the event Lyon Street is sold.

John Tornquist has requested that Vance Frost and Robert Adams be added as members to the Committee.

MSCU (Bruce/David) to add Vance Frost and Robert Adams as members of the Compensation Committee.

Nominations Committee

Ron C. delivered a report of the slate of vetted nominees to various offices. The deadline for nominees has been extended to September 15. Candidates were added but not yet vetted.

Standing Committee clergy order: Sue Thompson, Thomas Skillings, Merry Chan-Ong, Bro. Jude

Standing Committee lay order: Melissa Ridlon, Christopher Butler, Jan Robisher, Mary Vargas

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

St. Peters

SC needs assurance from the chancellor that St. Peter's can be made a mission. According to the chancellor. St. Peter's has had a hearing in accordance with the canons. The chancellor will prepare a statement and argument detailing all points in contention. They will be invited to the SC October meeting.

Canon Changes

Christopher Hayes distributed a list of canon changes to be presented and voted on at Convention.

Mr. Hayes was excused from the meeting

Intentional Community

Bishop's discussion of the history, purpose and rationale for DioCal involvement.

Three are currently in Dioces of California

(two with Episcopal Community Services, one at DioHouse)

Supervised by Robyn Arnold

Institutions

The Bishop was reminded of his responsibility to appoint a chair for the working group of the Committee on Diocesan Institutions.

Bishop's Time

Bp Marc departed the meeting

2010-2011 Officers

There was discussion and implementation of the process to be used for the election of Standing Committee president, vice president and secretary.

Canon Changes

Further review and discussion of proposed canon changes distributed by the chancellor.

Canon 6.09 – suggest changing membership on the Committee on Nominations to *two* consecutive years rather than to *four* consecutive years. Additional suggestion was that membership total eight (one from each Deanery plus the SC and EC appointees) rather than fourteen as described.

Canon 8.02 and 16.01 – subsection (d) must be rewritten to clarify that minutes of actions taken in Executive Session are available only to the Standing Committee, the Bishop and the Executive Council.

Canon 21.01-21.02 – suggestion that proposed amendments to canons be delivered to the secretary of convention at least 120 days before convention. In addition, the secretary will deliver these to the committee on canons for distribution to deaneries 60 days before convention.

Consensus of the Standing Committee is that there were too many changes, and that they were delivered too late for adequate discussion before convention.

Consents

The Standing Committee was asked to consent to the consecration of the Rev. Canon Scott B. Hayashi as Bishop of the Diocese of Utah. Members present signed the consent request in the affirmative to approve his consecration.

Standing Committee was also asked to consent to the consecration of the Very Rev. Terry Allen White as Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky. Peggy will research his background to enable SC to make an informed decision on approving his consecration.

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MSCU (David, Bruce) to approve minutes of July 6, 2010.

Adjournment

MSCU (Nina/Ron C.)

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 5th, 1:00 pm
snacks & prayers – The Rev. David Ota

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Ron Johnson
Secretary