



Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
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Meeting Minutes for 5 January, 2016
1-3:20 PM
Grace Cathedral Chapter Room

Members Present: Mr. Andrew Lee, Ms. Brenda Paulin, The Rev. Annette Rankin, The Rev. Mark Spaulding, The Rev. Sylvia Vasquez, Mr. Ron Hermanson (Vice President), The Rev. Lori Walton (President), Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

Members Absent: None

- 1:00 Standing Committee opened with prayer led by Annette (thanks to Andrew for snacks)
- 1:05 Lori called the meeting to order and facilitated personal check-ins for members.
- 1:15 MSCU (Paulin/Spaulding) to approve the 1 December meeting minutes.
- 1:20 Candidate prep: Brenda and Annette reported on lunch with Anna Horen and the file review.
- 1:30 Standing Committee conducted a postulant to candidate interview with Anna Horen as a candidate for the priesthood.
- 2:00 SC welcomed the Bishop, Canon Stefani Schatz, and Christopher Hayes to the meeting.

The Bishop described the role of an Archdeacon in the Diocese of California. In this diocese the SC and EC still need to approve of the Bishop's nomination for Archdeacon. It is a 3-year term; usually one serving the East Bay and one serving the rest of diocese; one of them always on the Board of School of Deacons representing the Bishop. What do they do? Archdeacons help with placement because they have a better understanding, a particular deacon and how their gifts might match a need in a parish. They will meet with the deacon, make a recommendation and archdeacon, then the Bishop approves. Archdeacons help to make the roles clear to deacons, priests and parishes if need be. Archdeacons will convene the deacons as a body twice a year.

The Bishop discussed the Title IV issue at St. Mary the Virgin with the SC and shared with us that an Accord had been reached with the priest. The Bishop will be sending a letter to all Bishops, Standing Committees, Vestries, etc. as per the Canons to let them know that the priest is no longer able to perform his priestly functions.

The SC went into Executive Session.
The SC came out of Executive Session with no reportable action

The Bishop, who has been here for 10 years, commended the entire Dio House staff and the other governance bodies of our diocese. We are a more complex diocese, than many throughout the country and he feels that we have never been in better shape.

The Bishop reported on the Climate Change Conference in Paris and how great an opportunity it was for the Episcopal Church and this Diocese to have a presence.

3:00 Standing Committee continued to discuss the candidate and made the following the recommendation:

3:05 MCS (Ron/Annette) SC recommend the move to candidacy for the priesthood for Anna Horen. Lori Walton abstained.

3:10 MSCU (Spaulding/Lee) To consent to the Bishop's nomination of Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain & David Stickleby as Archdeacons for the Diocese of California.

3:10 Liaison Reports

Standing Committee heard liaison report.

3:15 Other issues not on the agenda.

Ron reminded members of the 2016 Retreat to be held Friday, Nov. 11 & 12 at St. Dorothy's Rest. There are a maximum of 7 rooms in the Main House so we will be fine with room counts this year because of Mark's sabbatical. In 2017 we may want to look at moving up to Lydia House and that has more rooms so that each person.

3:20 Meeting adjourned with prayer from Annette.

Respectfully submitted

Jim DeMersman, Secretary