



Meeting Minutes for 6 February 2018
10:00 – 12:25 p.m.
Dining Room, Chapter House, Grace Cathedral

Standing Committee
Episcopal Diocese of California
1055 Taylor Street / San Francisco, CA 94108
Web: www.diocal.org/

Members Present: Andrew Lee (President), Rev. Michael Arase-Barnham, Albe Larsen, Rev. Pam Jester, Dorothy Tsuruta, Rev. Jill Honodel, Jim DeMersman (Secretary)

Absent: Rev. Mark Spaulding (Vice President)

- 10:10 a.m.** Meeting called to order by Andrew. Dorothy opened with devotions; & thanks to Dorothy for snacks.
- 10:12** MSCU (Jester/Larsen) To approve the Minutes of the January meeting as presented.
- 10:15** Andrew led us in personal check-ins.
- 10:30** St Peter's lease agreement was tabled until conversation with Chancellor Christopher Hayes.
- 10:40** MSCU (Honodel/Larsen) To approve the St. Paul's, Walnut Creek lease agreement with the caveat that they fix the inconsistencies in the lease terms to either 77 or 99 years.
- 10:45** MSCU (Jester/Tsuruta) To approve Toby Keller and the Rev. Canon Andrea McMillin as two new Board members of the Bishop's Ranch.
- 10:50** SC had a conversation about a couple of policies to draft perhaps through the Committee on Governance.
- 10:55** SC heard Liaison Reports

Commission on Ministry; Jill reported that Julie had had a meeting with the Bishop and this is likely the scenario for the year.

Done/in the works:

- **Dan Joclyn-Siemiatkoski** was ordained to the priesthood yesterday, February 2, in Austin, TX, where he is on the faculty at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.
- **Jennifer Nelson**, who the SC has already seen, will be ordained a vocational deacon at 3 p.m., Saturday, February 10 at St. Paul's, Oakland. All invited!

There will be **no ordinations in June** this year, only December.

There are 5 people preparing for possible ordination/reception in 2018:

Jurek Fernandez is anticipated to be received to the priesthood from the Roman Catholic Church sometime in late July. He may see the SC in for late spring.

These folks may apply for candidacy for December ordinations:

Kathleen Bean, for transitional diaconate (likely to apply to around July, so we would see her early fall, SC file review no later than November)

Anna Rossi, for transitional diaconate (likely apply to us August, see SC September for candidacy; SC file review for ordination no later than November)

Nan Slavin, for vocational diaconate (likely to apply to us in May, so could come to SC in June, with file review sometime thereafter)

Kerri Meyer, for transitional deacon (likely to apply in the fall)

Executive Council-nothing extra

Board of Trustees-Cathedral auction is online on Grace Cathedral web site

Diocesan Institutions-nothing extra

COG- Pam reported that they had a long discussion about what to do next; could tackle the level of disconnectedness between parishes and the Diocese; a prospective member is having lunch with Pam

Elections: **MSCU (Larsen/Arase-Barnham)** To approve the request to start the process to add a 2nd Suffragan for Diocese of Virginia

1100 a.m. SC was joined by Bishop Marc and Chancellor Christopher Hayes

MSCU (Aras-Barnham/Larsen) to move into Executive Session

MSCU (Arase-Barham/Larsen) to move out of Executive Session with no reportable action

Bishop Marc and Christopher Hayes left the meeting.

MSCU (Arase-Barham/Larsen) To approve Marc Andrus, as the Bishop of California, as an appointee to the Board of Episcopal Senior Communities Board of Directors

Bishop Marc and Christopher rejoined the meeting.

St. Peter's Lease questions for Chancellor Hayes: How come the low security deposit and have they vetted the contractor well enough.

Other issues discussed:

Update on TSP

Discussion of fragile congregations

New staff roles and church planting

New CTO Abbott Bailey arrives on Saturday, Feb 9; there will be an Evensong installation later

Our participation in Living Stones, an unofficial organization of the church based out of rural Dioceses that creates teams of people who work together as peer consultants to address a case study of particular issue to do ministry and solve common problems. Eric and Amy are attending.

Bishop has submitted full proposal for his dissertation and hopes in May, June and August to finish it and it might be turned into a published book.

12:20 p.m. MSCU (Arase-Barnham/ Jester) to consent to the lease with St. Peter's lease with the caveat that they look at the low security deposit and the soundness of the leasee again.

12:25 Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jim DeMersman
Secretary