

Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California

Minutes

Meeting April 6, 2010

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

Absent: the Rev. Ron Culmer (*vice president*)

Guests: Ms. Sally Mancini, the Rev. Kenneth Schmidt, co-chairs, Commission on Ministry

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Paul Evans. The Rev. Bruce Smith gathered us with an Easter meditation and prayer.

Commission on Ministry

Standing Committee responded to the request of Commission on Ministry co-chairs, Ms. Sally Mancini and the Rev. Kenneth Schmidt to appear before the Committee for further conversation on the status of Mr. Justin Cannon, a postulant for Holy Orders. The co-chairs presented details of the full Commission's support for Mr. Cannon's advancement to candidacy.

Ms. Mancini and Fr. Schmidt were excused from the meeting

MSCU (Peggy, David). After discussion, the Standing Committee voted not to amend its decision to delay approval of the Commission on Ministry's recommendation that Mr. Justin Cannon be approved as a candidate for ordination to the Priesthood. The Standing Committee also voted to support the Commission on Ministry's plan to design a program that will assist him in further developing his call to ordained ministry. The Standing Committee is looking forward to Mr. Cannon's return to us next year to seek the Committee's approval of his candidacy for ordination to the Priesthood.

St. Paul's Nursery School

Standing Committee presented with a request to consider a lease agreement to be entered into between St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame and St. Paul's Nursery School. The agreement is to enable use of a portion of Church facilities for the School. Questions of financial arrangements and non-profit status are raised, and David Ota has agreed to speak with the rector, Thomas Skillings, to get more details on the agreement.

Committees

Compensation

- had its initial meeting
- maintenance and sale of Bishop's housing
- purchase and sale of property
- standing committee authority in real estate issues

Bruce Smith and Bob Birss are Standing Committee representatives to this committee

Governance:

Peter Jensen confirmed as committee chair

Institutions:

David Ota to write letters of invitation to serve on this committee

Bishop will appoint a chair for this committee

Bishop Marc, the Rev. Michael Barlowe and Mr. Jim Forsyth were welcomed to the meeting

Dean Search

Bp. Marc announced three finalists in search for Dean of Grace Cathedral. He will send his nomination to the Cathedral Board of Trustees. The new Dean will be announced in June.

St. Peters

No official notification that HUD grant has been received. Any funds received are to be put in escrow.

St. James (Oakland)

Will the parish be made a mission? Invite rector to Standing Committee to hear their story.

Can be made an entity of Area Ministry with St. Augustine and St. John's

Potential center for healing ministry – has advantage of parking

Take another look at "Living Stones" study to incorporate St. James' community

Bp. Marc asked that "Living Stones" discussion be an agenda item for SC May meeting

Bp Marc, Cn. Barlowe and Jim Forsyth departed

Berkeley Canterbury Foundation

Representatives of BCF joined the meeting to give update on ground lease

Conditions of lease approved by chancellor

Standing Committee to approve after final okay from Jim Forsyth/Christopher Hayes after their review of any changes

Episcopal Consent

David Earle Bailey

elected by the House of Bishops as

Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission

Ordination Consents

Standing Committee certified the canonical requirements for ordination to the priesthood:

The Rev. Jamie McElroy

Standing Committee certified the canonical requirements for ordination to the transitional diaconate:

Ricardo Avila
Anne Emry
Joshua Griffin
Molly Haws
Thomas Jackson
Michael Lemaire
Sylvia Miller-Mutia
Darren Miner
Anne Smith

Minutes MSCU (Peggy, Nina) to approve amended minutes of February 2, 2010.
 MSCU (Peggy, Bob) to approve minutes of March 2, 2010

Adjournment Bob/Peggy

Meeting adjourned 5:15pm.
Next meeting snacks & prayers – Peggy Greene

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Ron Johnson
Secretary