Standing Committee
Minutes
December 6, 2016
Mary Louise Gotthold Conference Room
Diocesan House

Present: Mr. Ron Hermanson, President, Rev. Mark Spaulding, Vice President, Rev. Jill Honodel, Rev. Michael Arase-Barham, Mr. Andrew Lee, Rev. Leonard Oakes, Ms. Dorothy Randall-Tsuruta, Mr. Jim DeMersman, Secretary

Absent: None

2:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Ron Hermanson and opened with a musical devotion led by Andrew Lee.

2:05 p.m. Ron led the SC in personal check-ins

2:23 p.m. **MSCU (Oakes/Lee)** To approve the Minutes from the October meeting, the kitchen cabinet meeting at convention and the Minutes from the November phone meeting.

2:25 p.m. The preschool lease between the Diocese on behalf of Christ Episcopal Church-Sei Ko Kai mission and Alta Plaza Preschool, a non-profit corporation was discussed.

    **MSCU (Arase-Barham/Oakes)** To approve the lease as presented to the Standing Committee.

2:35 p.m. The SC took a short break for our annual picture for the Diocesan website.

2:40 p.m. The SC had a short discussion about leases, corp sole and how it affects Diocesan affairs as it relates to SC business

2:50 p.m. Ron went over the changes to the agenda this afternoon and reasons behind it.

2:55 p.m. Discussion of July date: **Thursday, July 6** at 1:00 p.m. was the winner.
3:05 p.m.  Bishop Marc and Chancellor Christopher Hayes joined us to address the following:

- 2016 Convention and thoughts about upcoming 2017 Convention: the focus will be on women with Bishop Barbara Harris coming to be the speaker/presider that includes a panel of lay and ordained women speaking to the whole convention and she will preside on Oct. 27 & 28-a later date than usual.

- Staffing changes: the Bishop’s new assistant and communication working group director will be filled by Christmas. Faith formation director is still in process.

- Talk about the Bishop’s support/advisory group

- The reset of Diocesan Institution boards and our role going forward on implementing the canon change made at special convention.

- Thoughts on Standing Rock and Marrakesh (UN Climate Conference)

- Thoughts on the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in Haiti

- Thoughts about how we might look at what it would mean to be a sanctuary city and would look to us for some help in how to make it come to be.

4:00 p.m. The SC heard liaison reports

- **Commission on Ministry**: We will continue the tradition of lunch with candidates

- **Executive Council**: No report

- **Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees**: Ron will attend

- **Diocesan Institutions**: No report

- **Committee on Governance**:
  - MSCU (Lee/Honodel) To appoint Gretchen Lintner to the Committee of Governance as the SC appointee in the Class of 2019)
  - MSCU (Spaulding/Oakes) To appoint Ade Adekunle as Chair of the COG

- **Nominations**: No contact yet

- **Executive Compensation Committee**: No report

- **Episcopal Elections**: 
- **MSCU (Arase-Barham/Oakes)** To consent to the election of the Rev. Carl Walker Wright as the Bishop Suffragen of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries

- **MSCU (Arase-Barham/Lee)** To consent to the call for an election of the Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Haiti.

4:25 p.m.  SC adjourned with prayer to join Executive Council in the Wilsey Conference Center

4:35 p.m.  Chancellor Hayes prepped the Councils about issues before us. The Councils moved into Executive Session

5:19 p.m.  The Councils moved out of Executive Session with no reportable action.

5:20 p.m.  The Councils adjourned with Evening Prayer and shared holiday dinner thanks to the efforts of the Diocesan staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim DeMersman
Secretary