



**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 web site.
- 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