

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
The Standing Committee
26 April 2017

Attendance: Sarah Peters, Michael Hartney, Lois Giess, Richard Hamlin,
Robert Picken, Susan Woodhouse, Christopher Moore
Absent: Virginia Mazzarella

The Bishop was unable to attend the meeting due to an important meeting
with a congregation's Vestry.

Guest for a portion of the meeting: Dr. Stephen Robb, M.D.

The meeting was convened in the diocesan offices at Saint Peter's,
Henrietta, Suite 100, at 4:01 pm.

The opening meditation/prayer was offered by Christopher reflecting on the
eucharistic acclamation: "Christ will come again."

The Agenda was presented. Moved (Richard)/Seconded (Christopher)
Passed.

The minutes, as amended, of March 22, 2017, were presented. Moved
(Christopher)/Seconded (Lois) Passed.

[Dr. Robb joined the meeting.]

Dr. Robb, a Postulant, was interviewed by the committee for Candidacy
(Title III.6.4(b)) to be ordained a Deacon.

[Dr. Robb left the meeting.]

It was moved that the committee approve Dr. Robb as a Candidate for
ordination to the Diaconate. Moved (Richard)/Seconded (Christopher)
Passed.

It was moved to certify that the Canonical requirements for ordination to the
Diaconate for Dr. Robb, except for the letter of support from the sponsoring
congregation (Title III.6(b)(2)), have been met. (Title III.6(c)) Moved
(Robert)/Seconded (Lois) Passed. All requirements will not have been met
until the letter of support from the sponsoring congregation has been
received.

The President will initiate a conversation between the Commission on Ministry, the Bishop, and the committee regarding timely communication to the committee. The committee will not certify Candidates for Ordination in the future without completion and receipt of all of the documents of Title III.6(b). A timeline for interviews for Candidacy needs to be established and shared between the Commission on Ministry and the committee. The committee believes that liaisons between the Commission on Ministry and the committee would be helpful.

The request for Consent for the election of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of North Carolina was considered. Motion to consent was Moved (Christopher)/Seconded (Susan) Passed.

The request for Consent for the election of a Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of West Texas was considered. Motion to consent was Moved (Christopher)/Seconded (Lois) Passed.

A report from the Bishop's team regarding the location of the Diocesan Convention for 2017 was considered. It was moved that the committee approves the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) at the Davis/Student Union as the venue for the Diocesan Convention 86 on October 28, 2017. Diocesan Constitution Article II.1) Moved (Richard)/Seconded (Christopher) Passed.

The Bishop's report, in his absence, was presented by title. Committee members amplified various items in the Bishop's report. The committee hopes that the communication and documents regarding Clergy/Personnel Practices and the Pastoral Crisis Response Team will be shared with us before dissemination to the Diocese.

[Susan left the meeting at 5.31 pm]

As required by our Behavioral Covenants the committee members shared their feelings regarding the process observed for today's meeting. Committee members shared that the communication loop does not always seem to include us. We want to be in the loop as a council of advice to the Bishop. (Behavioral Covenant 3).

Prayer Requests before adjournment:

Michael: repose of the souls of retired Bishops: Alfred Marble Bishop Diocesan of Mississippi, David Ball Bishop Diocesan of Albany, and Robert Hibbs Bishop Suffragan of West Texas

Lois: The Reverend Thomas McCart, who is seriously ill

The closing prayer was offered by Lois, quoting hymn #442 (Hymnal 1982), text by Jan Struther (1901-1953):

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hartney
Secretary