

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
The Standing Committee
27 September 2017

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

Absent: None

The Bishop was returning from the annual Fall meeting of the House of Bishops and unable to attend.

The meeting was convened in the diocesan offices at Saint Peter's, Henrietta, Suite 100, at 4.01 p.m.

The opening meditation/prayer was offered by Michael, remembering our sisters and brothers suffering from earthquake and hurricanes in Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, South Texas, and the Florida Keys; and for more peaceful words between North Korea and the United States.

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

The minutes of June 28, 2017, were presented. Moved (Susan)/Seconded (Christopher) Abstentions: Robert & Virginia. Passed.

Richard presented a draft of questions to be used when interviewing Postulants for Candidacy before the Standing Committee. The Committee had suggestions to improve the draft. A member of the Standing Committee will be appointed to review the Postulant's folder prior to our meeting to assure its completeness. All members will be able to review the folder(s) at the Diocesan Office prior to our meeting.

The Consent for the election of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Delaware, Kevin S. Brown, was considered. Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Christopher) Passed.

The consent for the election of the Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of East Tennessee, Brian Lee Cole, was considered. Moved (Christopher)/Seconded (Lois) Abstention: Robert. Passed.

The Bishop's report was considered. Questions for the future: the status of Zion Avon; the status of Saint John's Chapel at Hobart William Smith Colleges; tenure and plan for transition of Diocesan Officers.

[CFO Todd Rubiano joined the meeting for information purposes at 4.48.]

South Wedge Mission is to be advanced to be an organized Mission at our Convention pending completion of requirements of Canon 10.2. The Bishop has given his consent.

It was moved to enter into Executive Session at 5.00. Moved (Christopher)/Seconded (Richard). Passed.

It was moved to exit from Executive Session at 5.26. Moved (Christopher)/Seconded (Richard). Passed.

A letter regarding Trinity Geneva has been received. They are going back to the City of Geneva's Zoning Board for further consideration.

[CFO Todd Rubiano left the meeting at 5.27.]

The President asked regarding the procedure for the election of officers for 2017-2018. It was decided that it will be done at the conclusion of the Diocesan Convention. Nominations for President and Secretary will be considered at the October meeting.

As required by our Behavioral Covenants the committee members shared their feelings regarding the process observed for today's meeting. 1. The Committee is willing to meet the Bishop's calendar regarding his planned absences. 2. The confidentiality of the group was appreciated.

Prayer Requests before adjournment:

Sarah: Richard, cousin, has died; prayer for his family

Christopher: Older brother, Richard, and his health issues; recent wedding of daughter (Olivia/Adam)

Virginia: Mother-in-law, Mavis; ELCA Lutheran Bishop's daughter.

The closing prayer was offered by Richard based on a passage from Ephesians.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Hartney, Secretary