

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
The Standing Committee
25 October 2017

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

The Bishop attended the entire meeting.

The meeting was convened in the diocesan offices at Saint Peter's, Henrietta, Suite 100, at 4 p.m.

The opening prayer was offered by Lois.

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

The minutes of September 27, 2017, were presented. Moved (Robert) /Seconded (Susan) Passed.

[The Chancellor, Philip Fileri, joined the meeting.]

The correspondence received from the Advocates was discussed. A response to the Advocates was discussed and considered. A draft letter by the President was distributed for comment. After discussion the President agreed to amend the letter based on the comments received. The President is authorized to send the letter on the committee's behalf on Diocesan stationary.

Moved (Christopher)/Seconded (Robert) Passed (7/0; abstention: Michael).

[The Chancellor left the meeting.]

The Bishop's report was considered. He updated the committee regarding: a) South Wedge Mission's elevation to be an organized mission at the Convention; b) according to 2016 Average Sunday Attendance figures the diocese grew by 1.3%; c) hope to raise clergy from underrepresented social/ethnic groups; d) the exploration of a possible Bishop's Fund to support ministry and education for young persons; e) support of Saint Augustine's College; f) Zion Avon is making a transition and a supply priest is in place; g) the President of Hobart William Smith College is according to Diocesan Canon 15 the Warden of Saint John's Chapel at the colleges.

Nominations for Standing Committee officers for 2018 were considered. Elections to those offices will be done immediately following the close of business at the Convention this week.

A social time with the two newly-elected Standing Committee members was considered. An informal supper at Saint Paul's Rochester will be arranged in November that will coincide with the November Standing Committee meeting.

As required by the Behavioral Covenants at the October meeting, they were reviewed by the Committee.

Members of the Standing Committee whose terms are expiring at this meeting, Christopher Moore and Virginia Mazarella, were honored by the Committee. The Bishop presented them with individual gifts. Both addressed the Committee with thanks for their time with us.

The 2018 meeting schedule was set. The Secretary will prepare a packet for newly-elected Standing Committee members that will include: a welcome letter, meeting schedule, dropbox information, roster, and the September Committee minutes.

As required by our Behavioral Covenants the committee members shared their feelings regarding the process observed for today's meeting. It was said: "The process to which we have agreed worked." & "The President's leadership at the meeting was very helpful."

Prayer Requests before adjournment:

Sarah: REACH Advocacy for housing for the homeless in Monroe County.

Virginia: daughter who is having major surgery soon.

Richard: brother who has progressive aphasia

Lois: prayer for Karen Hanson's recovery from a fall this week

Bishop Prince: thanksgiving for the birth of a grandson to Chancellor Fileri and his wife.

The closing prayer was offered by Christopher incorporating the prayer requests of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Hartney, Secretary