The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
The Standing Committee
Meeting at Diocesan Offices
23 January 2019


The meeting was Called to Order at 4:02 p.m. An Opening Prayer was offered by Cam Miller.

The Agenda was presented and approved. Moved (Carolyn)/Seconded (Susan)

The Minutes of the November 28, 2018 Meeting were approved. Moved (Rick) /Seconded (Susan)

The Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Meeting were approved. Moved (Carolyn) /Seconded (Joe)

It was read into the minutes that Mr. Harold A. Kurland, Esq., of Ward, Greenberg, Heller, and Reidy, LLP was confirmed as Church Attorney for the Diocese of Rochester. (Approved by e-mail vote on December 18, 2018.)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Kansas, The Rev. Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom, was given. Moved (Cam) / Seconded (Leslie)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Colorado, The Rev. Kimberly Lucas, was given. Moved (Leslie) / Seconded (Carolyn)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Arizona, The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall, was given. Moved (Rob) / Seconded (Leslie)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop in Charge, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, The Rev. Mark D.W. Edington, was given. Moved (Cam) / Seconded (Susan)

Consent to the Election of the Bishop Diocesan of Ecuador Litoral, The Rev. Canon Cristobal Olmedo Leon Lozano, was given. Moved (Cam) / Seconded (Susan)
Consent for Ordination as Deacon, Sue Ouellette, was given. Moved (Carolyn) /Seconded (Rick) / Abstaining (Leslie and Joe)

Consent for Ordination as Deacon (transitional), Melanie Duguid-May, was given. Moved (Rick)/ Seconded (Rob) / Abstaining (Leslie and Joe)

An update about the Episcopal Mutual Ministry Review was given by Sarah. The group that met in December to review the ministry of the Diocese will meet again at the end of January and a report will be shared once available.

The Bishop’s Report was presented, with the following highlights:
- Prayers were requested for those who mourn the deaths of Nancy Wainwright, Shirley Stiegler, Dan Alonzo, and Ben Johnson.
- Rural Migrant Ministry (RMM) liturgies at Grace! in Lyons are a good way to stand with migrant workers, some of whom are pressured by ICE.
- Launch of Racial Reconciliation, Healing and Justice (RRHJ) will be the Blessed Absalom Jones Celebration at Two Saints’ Church, and more information about education programs will be published soon.
- The College of Congregational Development is offering two programs this year (four weekends and one week-long) with participants from Rochester, Central New York, Western Massachusetts, and beyond.
- SPICE Dinner was successful and will become an annual event.
- Clergy coverage is being provided for churches in Watkins Glen and Catherine during the temporary absence of their priest – the reasons for which were discussed.
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges are conducting a national search for the Chaplain position.
- Bishop Singh’s sabbatical is coming up this year and more information about how it will be spent will be offered soon, including final dates.
- Creative clergy leadership needs to be sought for our smaller congregations and a possible candidate was discussed.

(Cam Miller left the meeting at 5:32pm)

Process Feedback was offered: affirming, efficient, laughter and joy, exciting to be part of so many yeses, good patience, increasingly good-humored, much more trusting.

Closing Prayer was led by Carolyn Mok and the meeting Adjourned at 5:51pm. Moved (Rick)/Seconded (Susan)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Picken, Secretary