Standing Committee

Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

Minutes

March 4, 2015

The President, Chris Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Brad offered the opening prayer.

Present: The Rev. Lesley Adams (via Phone), The Rev. Brad Benson, Ms. Jan Farnsworth, Ms.

Lois Giess, The Rev. Michael Hartney (via phone), Mr. Neil Houghton, and Mr. Chris Moore.

Ex officio: Bishop Singh, Todd Rubiano

Excused: The Rev. Mary Mroczka

Neil moved, Lois seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

Lois moved, Neil seconded that the minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting be approved as amended. Carried. (Titles will be used preceding the names of those present). Again the committee requested that minutes be posted to the Diocesan Website. The secretary will forward approved minutes to Matthew Townsend. She will also remind Matthew that the Bishop agreed that lay members of the Standing Committee be given passwords for the password protected portion of the Website.

Michael moved, Brad seconded that consent be given to the election of The Very Reverend Peter Eaton as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Southeast Florida. Carried.

The Rev. Deven Hubert, Gail VonBelzen, Betty Diehl and T. J. Chamberlain, representing St. Luke’s, Fairport were present to explain the need to borrow money to repair wall in lower part of building. Neil moved, Brad seconded that permission be given to borrow $12,000 for five years. Carried.

The Bishop shared his thoughts and experiences on his recent Episcopal Relief and Development pilgrimage to Ghana.

The Bishop distributed a Title IV Flow Chart and at the request of the Standing Committee discussed the disciplinary steps for the current process.

Chris reported that he and Bishop Singh have spoken with Bishop Matthews and have agreed to engage a retired Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Joseph Burnett to assist us in the reconciliation process. Chris hopes to have us meet with him on April 8, 2015. It was agreed that the process be three pronged –reconciliation with Standing Committee, mutual ministry review, and reconciliation with Diocesan clergy.

The bishop shared his thoughts about the possibility of ordaining candidates to the Diaconate sooner that we have in the past so that they might serve as Deacons in Charge of a parish. The changed timeline would be within the canonical guidelines.

Following a closing prayer by Lois, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Farnsworth, Secretary