

Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Standing Committee Meeting
Via Zoom video conference
9/23/20

Present: The Right Rev. Prince Singh, the Revs. Robert Picken (president), Cameron Miller, the very Revs Leslie Burkardt, Ken Pepin; Joe DaBoll-Lavoie; Michael Davis; Carolyn Mok.
Excused: Susan Woodhouse.

Guests: Todd Rubiano; Severina Weeks, treasurer of St. Thomas', Bath.

The meeting was **called to order** by Rob at 4:18 pm,.

Opening prayer was offered by Joe.

Consent agenda was approved. Moved Michael/seconded Carolyn.

Minutes from 8/21 were amended and approved. Moved Michael/seconded Carolyn.

Ordination.

Candidates for the priesthood are awaiting to be approved by the Commission of Ministry, which will meet in October.

Greg Kremer has 2 outstanding issues, both were affected by the COVID 19 pandemic. He is currently enrolled in a clinical pastoral education course supervised by the Rev. Maryann Brody. Prince had witnessed how well Greg is already handling sensitive pastoral problems at his parish. Greg still needs to take his anti-racism training (this was postponed by the pandemic, and there is not a new curriculum available at this time). The Committee conditionally **approved the ordination of Rev. Greg Kremer to the priesthood** pending his 2 deficiencies are addressed and approval of the Commission on Ministry. Moved Cam/seconded Leslie.

Keisha Stokes is now the pastoral leader at Zion, Palmyra, and pastoral associate at St. John's Canandaigua. Zion is enthusiastic about their new ministry. The Committee conditionally **approved the Rev. Keisha Stokes ordination to the priesthood, awaiting approval by the Commission on Ministry.** Moved Michael/seconded Leslie. .

Bishop's report. Please see report. Prince said the Chancellor reviewed the status of the new deans (see Bishop's memo). Prince also has resumed in person parochial visits. We were reminded that diocesan convention will be on 10/31.

St. Thomas' Bath sale of rectory. Severina Weeks and Todd reviewed the plans of the parish to sell the unoccupied rectory. It is no longer needed, and is a financial drain to the parish. There has been interest in the property. The Committee **approved** the proposed sale of the rectory as proposed by the rector and vestry of St. Thomas'. Moved Cam, seconded Leslie.

Next meeting. We are tentatively scheduled to meet on 10/28, 3 days before Diocesan Convention. The only possible item for business will be the consents for the election of the Diocesan Bishop of the diocese of Oregon, and candidates for President and Secretary for the Standing Committee (Rob and Susan will finish their terms in Oct). It is possible the October meeting will be postponed to the end of Diocesan Convention on 10/31.

Closing prayer was offered by Ken.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 5:19 pm. Moved Joe/seconded Leslie.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Mok