

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Standing Committee
Via Zoom video conference
1/20/21

Members present: The Reverend Cameron Miller, president; the Right Rev. Prince Singh; the Very Revs. Leslie Burkardt, Ruth Ferguson, Ken Pepin; Floyd Bayley, Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie, Michael Davis, Carolyn Mok (secretary).

Guest. Todd Rubiano, diocesan CFO.

The meeting was **called to order** at 4:05 pm.

Opening prayer was offered by Leslie.

The **agenda** was approved. Moved Carolyn/seconded Michael.

The **minutes** from 11/18/20 were approved. Moved Michael/seconded Leslie.

Parish finance survey. Todd shared a slide on a survey of parish finances. The churches are doing OK. According to records from the Church Pension Fund, our diocese is doing better compared to others in the country with respect to average Sunday attendance and budgets (have advanced to higher quintiles).

Episcopal consents.

Consent to the election of the Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler as bishop diocesan of Wyoming was approved. Moved Michael/seconded Joe.

Consent to the election of the Rev. Canon Paula Clark as the bishop diocesan of Chicago was approved. Moved Michael/seconded Ruth.

Bishop's report.

Please see attachments about the review of diocesan deans and the bishop's activities.

Divorce. The bishop shared that he and Roja have entered into an arbitration process towards divorce. He asked the Standing Committee for its wisdom regarding the broader sharing of this news. There followed a heart-felt and tender discussion.

Ordination to the priesthood. The Reverend Greg Kremer will be ordained on 1/23. The service will be held at his parish, St. George's, Hilton and will be live streamed.

Review of the meeting. No problems noted. Members appreciated the intimacy, collegiality and informality.

Closing prayer was offered by Michael.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 5:12 pm.

Next meeting will be 2/24/21, Wednesday at 4 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Mok