

Standing Committee Minutes for Tuesday April 26th, 2022

Present: Mr. Michael Davis, Mr. Joseph DaBoll-Lavoie, The Very Rev's Leslie Burkardt, Kenneth Pepin; Mr. Floyd Bayley, The Rt. Rev Steve Lane Mr. Jeremy Cooney; The Rev. Nita Byrd;

Guests: Mr Roch Whitman, Mr.Todd Rubiano

Absent: The Very Rev. Ruth Ferguson,

An **opening prayer** on Courage by The Very Rev. Leslie Burkardt

Previous minutes The Committee voted to approve the following minutes of March 13th, 2022 and March 23rd, 2022. All present approved the minutes.

Interview with Roch Whitman: The Standing Committee approved the **Recommendation for Candidacy** of Mr. Whitman and found the interview engaging and no impediments to his continued process. We wish him well on his journey to ordination to the diaconate. Leslie moved. Michael seconded and all present were in favor. All need to sign on Docu Sign.

Todd Rubiano CFO of the diocese brought to us a request for our approval of the sale of St Peter's in Bloomfield. After some discussion Ken made the motion Joe seconded and all present were in favor.

Michael will scan his signature on our behalf

Bishops report:

- The bishop alerted us to the growing number of new covid variant cases in our area and highly recommends mask wearing. If congregations are experiencing a spike they may want to consider returning to online services.
- Bishop Todd Ousely sent seven names for our consideration as consultants.
- The bishops staff will be available to us throughout the transition process.
- Mary Earl will offer a renewal day for clergy from 9:30am until noon next week.
- The bishop voiced continued concern about the “diocesan deans’ structure and after consultation with the deans and the CFO will present a new plan for our consideration.
- The bishop also kept us up to date on the Title IV cases and present status of each.
- In connection with this we continued to discuss the idea of co-intake officers (representing a man and a woman.) We also discussed the delicate, complex and at times foreboding nature of decisions these cases pose to the diocese.
- The Standing Committee unanimously approved the appointment of the Very Rev Leslie Burkardt as the **point person** for the transition process of the election of a new bishop going forward.
- Leslie agreed to formulate a letter with the bishop to be sent within the week to the seven named consultants inviting them to send to us their biographies and interests. We set the following dates.

May 4th deadline for consultants to respond

May 11th Meeting of the SC to review and select 2 to 4 candidates to interview

May 18th Meeting of the SC to interview and choose

May 25th we will meet if necessary for our normal business meeting.

We consented to the election of the Bishop of Southwest FL 6 approved 1 abstention
Michael will submit consent document on our behalf.

Our review of the meeting: We found the meeting to be efficient, heavy agenda but well organized, smooth, fruitful interview was collaborative.

Leslie closed with a prayer. It is worth mentioning that Leslie came to the meeting while enduring a fever. Prayers for her health and appreciation all around.

Your humbled servant,
Ken