

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester  
The Standing Committee  
24 October 2018

Attendance: Members - Sarah Peters, Michael Hartney, Lois Giess, Carolyn Mok, Cameron Miller, Robert Picken, Richard Hamlin; Bishop - Prince Singh

Absent: Susan Woodhouse

The meeting was convened in the Diocesan offices at Saint Peter's Church, Henrietta, New York, at 4 p.m.

An opening prayer was offered by Michael, based on Archbishop Laud's prayer for the church.

The Agenda was presented, as amended. Moved (Lois)/Seconded (Carolyn) Passed.

The Minutes of September 26, 2018 were presented. Moved (Robert) /Seconded (Lois) Passed.

Candidacy Interview of Sue Ouellette for the Diaconate. After the interview the committee discussed the interview and voted to approve her for Candidacy. Moved (Michael) /Seconded (Carolyn) Passed.

Candidacy Interview of Melanie Duguid-May for the Priesthood. After the interview the committee discussed the interview and voted to approve her for Candidacy. Moved (Robert)/Seconded (Lois) Passed.

Property Transfer, Saint Andrews's-by-the-Lake Webster. The transfer of Saint Andrew's Webster as a diocesan property to the Church of the Good Shepherd Webster was discussed. After discussion it was moved to approve the transfer. Moved (Cameron)/Seconded (Carolyn). Passed.

The Bishop's report was considered. He presented highlights:

- Transitions: Gretchen Ratterree is now canonically resident; Keith Patterson will be inducted as Rector of Two Saints Rochester in November;

- Commissioning of new Deaf Missioner, new District Deans; and the Canon for Stewarding of Finance will be at the Diocesan Convention.
- Deacon Paddy Collins-Bohrer has completed his work prior to ordination to the Priesthood.
- Leadership positions are open: Hilton, Brockport, Bath and Fairport
- CRCDS community is going through a transition from their former campus to a new location.
- Realignment of Canon to the Ordinary and Bishop's Executive Assistant roles has taken place.
- All staff members are reviewed every quarter, and an annual review is made before salary adjustments.
- A Mutual Ministry Review for the Diocese and Bishop is scheduled before the end of the year.
- The Bishop's Appeal is still in its planning stages.
- The Bishop expressed gratefulness for the movement of ideas for mission into plans to accomplish them.

As required by our Behavioral Covenants the committee members considered the Covenants for possible amendment at the meeting prior to the Diocesan Convention. Committee members shared their thoughts and encouragement regarding how the behavioral covenants have been working. It was agreed that as a committee we have observed them and appreciated them.

Thanks to out-going members of the Standing Committee Lois Geiss and Michael Hartney were offered.

Prayer Requests:

Bishop: For Ann Stiegler

Sarah: For Peter's recovery from heart surgery

Carolyn: For Civility in our civic life and for the value of truth: to value it, to seek it and live by it.

Robert: For the repose of the soul of Rosalee Preston (Troy's mother)

Lois: For Karen Hanson

The committee agreed to meet immediately at the close of Convention for the election of officers.

The closing prayers were offered by Lois, quoting Philippians 4:6.

Motion to adjourn. Moved (Cameron)/Seconded (Carolyn) Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Hartney, Secretary