

Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Zoom Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 pm
June 28, 2023

Present: Mr. Floyd Bayley, Mr. Michael Davis, the Rt Rev Stephen Lane, the Rev. Cam Miller, the Rev. Ken Pepin, Ms. Elizabeth Salamone

Absent: the Rev. Ruth Ferguson, the Rev. Nita Byrd & Mr. Jeremy Cooney.

Call to Order: The meeting was call to order at 6:35 PM by Ken

OPENING PRAYER: Cam Miller led us in prayer.

Agenda was modified for the Bishop to introduce two resolutions for convention after the minutes are approved.

READING OF COVENANT PRACTICES:

The group took turns reading a portion of the covenant, then went around sharing what's happening in their lives.

TODD RUBIANO St. John's Wellesley & Ascension

- Todd and Bill gave an update on the request by Allegheny county for a bus stop easement on the church property.
- A bus stop pad was installed in front of the church about two years ago. Now the county requested an easement in order to maintain the bus stop.
- The Bishop blessed the structure when he made his visit. St. John's vestry approved granting of the easement.
- After a short discussion, Cam made a motion to "approve the easement." Liz second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Todd will arrange for the resolution to be signed by Bishop Lane and Ken and for the other signatures required by St. John's Wellsley.

Church of the Ascension

- Todd gave a brief and excellent update on the loan finances for Church of the Ascension.
- After some discussion it was recommended that the total loan package be \$50, 000 and financed for five years.
- On Floyd's request Todd read the resolutions for the motion which was presented by Floyd and second by Michael.

- The motion was approved unanimously.

A question was raised about the New Bishop's compensation

- There was a lengthy discussion on the compensation and salary for the new Bishop.
- The compensation package will be in the Profile.
- More information on Bishop's compensation is on the diocesan website and Ken will send information to SC.
- Standing Committee agreed to use the current salary range and amend it later if necessary after convention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Presented by Liz with a small correction. Motion to accept minutes by Cam and second by Michael. Unanimously approved.

The minutes can be viewed on the shared drive.

Consent Discussion

- This discussion was tabled in light of Nita's absence.

BISHOP'S REPORT

- Bishop Lane presented two resolutions for the convention.
The first resolution set the date for the election convention.
The second explains how nominations are made.
- The Bishop asked that the resolutions be endorsed by SC for presentation to the convention in the fall.
- A motion was made by Cam to endorse the two resolutions.
Floyd seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.
- The resolutions can be found on the SC shared drive.

Council of Advice Bishop Lane

- Bishop Lane stated that SC needs to approve the Profile.
- SC must also sign off on the Profile.

Update on meeting with the Transition team – Don

- Don gave an overview of the retreat with the consultant- Gary Butterworth
- He stated that Gary gave a good overview of the responsibilities of the transition committee.
- The committee will meet twice per week starting in mid -July.
They will meet on Zoom and also make church visitations.
- A high level schedule is being prepared with “Bios” and pictures.
- Their two biggest concerns are (a) choosing the venue for Ordination and Consecration and (b) the budget.
- The committee will present their report to Standing Committee soon.

Singh / Questions at hand Ken / Bishop Lane

- Bishop Lane stated that several allegations against Bishop Singh have been brought to him and to the Intake Office by lay and clergy.
- The Bishop said it will be months before we know the conclusion of the charges.
- The SC does not have a role in this matter.

DISCERNMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORT: Julie and Keisha

- A letter was sent to the “Diocesan Family” from the D&NC.
- There was a lengthy discussion on the Title IV issue pertaining to Bishop Singh. There was a discussions of how much information should be put in the Profile. There was also a discussion on if or when a “healing service” should be held.
- Bishop Lane gave an excellent overview on the Title IV process and possible outcomes of any action taken by the “Intake Office.”
- Bishop Lane and the Diocese have taken a “neutral” position on the subject.
- At the conclusion of discussion it was agreed that (a) some information pertaining to the Title IV issue concerning Bishop Singh will be put in the Profile.

Meeting planned with Val of communications - Ken

- Ken reported that Val has put together an SC web page separate from the Diocesan web page with a button for connecting to the Diocesan website.

Plans for summer in person gathering. - Ken

Ken reported that there are no plans for a summer gathering.

The Standing Committee will meet again in September.

The discernment profile will be sent to the Standing Committee before publication.

HOW DID THE MEETING GO? All

Each member gave a brief comment with key words such as:

Productive, efficient, tough topics to discuss. The guests presentations were excellent. Heavy work. The committees are doing a super job.

CLOSING PRAYER: [Ken](#) led us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.