



Diocese of California Standing Committee  
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**STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> 2023, 4:00 PM.**

**ZOOM**

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**Meeting ID: 817 1057 3530**

**Password: P82021**

Opening Devotion – Todd

Closing Devotion - Warren

Snack (if needed) – N/A

**4:04 PM      CALL TO ORDER & Opening Devotion offered by Todd (BCP prayer for the human family)**

**PRESENT:** Warren Wong, president; Mauricio Wilson, vice-president; Jane Stratford, secretary; Todd Bryant; Sean McConnell; Gretchen Lintner. Robyn Amos joined meeting at 4:15 PM

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Carolyn Bolton

**4:05 PM      CHECK-IN**  
Committee members took turns checking in.

**4:12 PM      AGENDA REVISION**  
Mauricio proposed having SC conversation re. transition from VIII to IX prior to conversation w/ STC.

**4:14 PM      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
*Motion to approve minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*  
*Motion made by Mauricio Wilson; seconded by Todd Bryant;*  
*Approved unanimously.*  
  
*Motion to approve minutes from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*  
*Motion made by Sean McConnell; seconded by Mauricio Wilson;*  
*Approved unanimously.*



**4:17 PM**     *Motion to enter executive session.*  
*Motion made by Jane Stratford; Seconded by Robyn Amos;*  
*Passed unanimously.*  
*Entered Executive Session @ 4:18 PM.*  
*Motion to exit executive session.*  
*Motion made by Sean McConnell; seconded Mauricio Wilson;*  
*Passed unanimously.*  
*Exited Executive Session @ 4:30 PM.*

**4: 30 PM     BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION**

Paul Fromberg & Brenda Paulin joined meeting @ 4:30 PM.

- Updates – *There was a meeting of the full committee on Tuesday to go over the application process. They discussed profile and logistics of the application process. Everyone is working hard. Excited about launching profile which is on target for next week.*
- Budget Review – *finalized budget which includes increases for lodging. Currently @ \$370,000, which is up from the originally budgeted amount of \$200,000. Budget is less than budget for previous search as adjusted for inflation. Budget is broken down by sub-committees.*  
***ACTION ITEM: SC to discuss increase with finance committee of EC.***
- Profile – approve final draft – *Spanish translation completed.*  
***Motion to accept the profile.***  
***Motion made by Todd Bryant; seconded by Mauricio Wilson.***  
*Discussion on approving historical timeline link before vote.*  
***Passed unanimously.***  
*SC expressed their appreciation and thanks to the STC for the hard work put into the creating of the profile.*
- Search Consultant contract – *Judy Stark – Warren Wong has requested final contract from Chancellor, Canon Christopher Hayes. STC need a final letter of agreement to move forward with their work. SC will follow up with Canon Hayes later in the meeting.*
- Diocesan staff pastoral care plan – *Sean McConnell will talk to Carolyn Bolton about meeting with Diocesan staff and report back from that meeting.*



- SC and BST preparations from VIII to IX – *tabled until May meeting pending further SC discussion.*
- The Chairs of STC strongly advise having a second day of convention, if needed, no later than the following day. SC will discuss their concerns with the Bishop.
- Application form waiting on approval from Cn. Hayes.  
***Motion to approve application pending approval from Cn. Hayes***  
***Motion made by Todd Bryant; seconded by Mauricio Wilson.***  
*Discussion about waiting. Sean McConnell's objection to the motion was noted. The vote was called.*  
***Motion passed 5:2***  
*STC will proceed with publication of profile and application on Monday*  
Brenda Paulin & Paul Fromberg left meeting @ 5:32 PM.

**5:32 PM      BREAK**

**5:39 PM      COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)  
*Spoken with Travis. Next reviews are only document reviews. Sean recommends considering the document reviews and conducting the interviews at the regular May meeting.*
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton)  
*Not present – no report*
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)  
*Reported back from last board meeting.*  
Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner)  
*Do we want to refer concerns about vocations process to governance? General agreement to do that.*
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)  
*Nothing new to report, Plan to meet to check in re. progress and expectations. St. Dorothy's is doing well and reporting healthy sign ups for summer.*
- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford)  
*Nothing to report. Has not made contact with representative from the EC but will do so by next meeting. Will request secretary of convention work with communications to publish positions open for next year.*
- Executive Compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson)



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*Hoping for proposal by next week.*

- Episcopal Elections (Todd Bryant) NJ, W. Texas, Florida, Maryland

*No information on Maryland. Vote tabled.*

***New Jersey - motion made to consent to nomination.***

***Motion made by Todd Bryant; seconded by Mauricio Wilson.***

***Passed unanimously.***

***W. Texas - motion made to consent to nomination.***

***Motion made by Tod Bryant; seconded by Mauricio Wilson***

***Passed unanimously.***

***Florida - motion not to consent. After reviewing documents SC of the Diocese of California feels unable to consent to election of Rev. Charlie Holt as Bishop of Florida.***

***Motion made by Mauricio Wilson; seconded by Robyn Amos.***

***Passed 6:1 (abstention).***

***Warren Wong instructed by SC to not consent if possible.***

Sean McConnell left meeting @ 5:58 PM.

## **5:58 PM BISHOP'S TIME**

Cn. Debbie Low Skinner, Cn Christopher Hayes, Arlene Prince – Executive Director of Ohloff House, Nathan Ogle - Chair of Board from Ohloff House, Jim Forsyth, CFO Emeritus joined meeting @ 5:59 PM.

- Henry Ohloff House

*Nathan Ogle made a presentation for information purposes. Henry Ohloff House came out of pandemic in a strong financial position and there is now a need for increasing capacity, especially for women. They currently operate from two campuses. When the property adjacent to 601 Steiner became available, they hoped to purchase it. This will allow them to expand the residential services for women and relocate outpatient services to same property. This will increase their revenue stream as well as adding additional beds and increasing services to the community. They have identified achievable and affordable funding sources. There are time constraints – property on the market means urgency.*



- St. John's, Clayton – unsolicited offer – *Cn. Debbie shared information. No action is needed right now.*
- St. Peters, RWC – license agreement  
*Cn Hayes answered SC question about taxes and recommended accept material provided by St. Peter's as sufficient.*  
***Motion to approve lease:***  
***Motion made by Jane Stratford; Seconded by Gretchen Lintner – Passed unanimously.***
- Electing convention Special Rules of Order  
*Need special rules that reflect the Canons. Canon 3.11.1A – discernment process for vocation Canon Hayes and Brother Richard Helmer will discuss. Need to adopt the special rules of order at diocesan convention. As SC is responsible for search transition nomination and election process they need to review and endorse Special Rule of Order. Cn Hayes will provide draft by June.*
- Warren Wong hopes to hold all-deanery meeting sometime in late summer before September deanery meetings to present information on convention. Will present special rules of order at this meeting.
- Regional Dean update – confirmed – Rev. Deb White for Contra Costa; Rev. Bruce O'Neill for Alameda; Rev. Eric Metoyer for SF. Considering candidates for the other three deaneries.
- Holy Innocents – Corte Madera – Officially closed March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Final closing Eucharist yesterday. Over 50 people attended. Another church is interested in purchasing property.
- Search Consultant contract – Canon Hayes outlined his suggested amendments.  
***Motion to accept recommendations made by Chancellor.***  
***Motion made by Mauricio Wilson; seconded by Robyn Amos;***  
***Motion passed.***  
*Jane will work on contract.*
- Application – Canon Hayes asked SC to expedite the application so it can be issued next week. Will send SC copy of his recommendations for changes.

**6:25 PM      GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- SC roles and responsibilities  
*Tabled until May meeting.*



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- Report on Conference on Reimagining Church  
*Jane briefly reported on her experience at conference and noted the work being done in other Dioceses in area of Church redevelopment and planting.*

**7:25 PM**     ***CLOSING PRAYER by Warren Wong AND ADJOURNEMENT.***  
*Motion to adjourn made by Jane Stratford; seconded by*  
*Mauricio Wilson.*  
*Meeting adjourned @ 7:27 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
*By Jane Stratford, Secretary.*