



Diocese of California Standing Committee
1500 Taylor Street
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STANDING COMMITTEE AGENDA

May 11TH 2023, 4:00 PM.

Library, St. Paul's Episcopal School
St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
114, Montecito Ave., Oakland

ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81710573530?pwd=ajNBTGhZOW1ndGNuakRVU0JmWVVOZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 1057 3530

Password: P82021

PRESENT: Warren Wong, president; Mauricio Wilson, vice-president; Jane Stratford, secretary; Sean McConnell; Carolyn Bolton; Robyn Amos; Gretchen Lintner.

ABSENT: Todd Bryant sent apologies.

Opening Devotion – Gretchen

Closing Devotion - Jane

Snack – Mauricio

4:21 PM CALL TO ORDER & Opening Devotion by Gretchen Lintner

4:25 PM ST. ALBAN'S ALBANY – APPLICATION TO ADOPT MISSION STATUS

See attached letter.

Guests Laurie Schumacher, Sandy Burnett, Margaret Doleman, & Larry di Constanza joined meeting @ 4:25 PM

The representatives from St. Alban's gave a brief update of St. Alban's current situation and challenges they have experienced since before the pandemic. Church was kept going by lay members through the pandemic by hiring supply clergy to offer pastoral care and utilizing the services of volunteer and supply clergy. Among other things, economic challenges, an aging building mean they are unable to support full-time rector, which has led to the decision to apply for a change in status from parish to mission congregation. Despite these challenges the small congregation has stayed together and hopes to grow but won't necessarily require full-time priest. The group wanted SC to know the congregation still has life and vitality.



Questions arose about the previously planned transformation of basement. Unfortunately, a flood in the basement has made this impossible for now and it has been relegated for storage. However, there is a preschool upstairs and continued income from the Arts Commission.

They are still paying off the loan for the rest of the improvements.

Guests left @ 4:37 PM

Motion to accept change to mission status.

Motion made by Mauricio Wilson. Seconded by Carolyn Bolton.

Vote deferred until 6:56 - Approved by majority.

4:43 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 13, 2023

Motion made to approve minutes as amended.

Motion made by Mauricio Wilson. Seconded by Robyn Amos. No discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

4:46 PM CHECK-IN

4:56 PM BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION

Paul Fromberg joined 4:56 PM. Brenda Paulin joined 5:03 PM

- Updates - *STC met on Tuesday. Discussed the process of vetting the applications, Meet and Greets, petition process. Nominations and applications are what we expected at this point in the process.*
- Profile - *SC informed the chairs that they had received concerns about profile which they had taken into consideration and ultimately reiterated their support for profile. SC thanked STC for their hard work and diligence.*
- Date for second convention – *The bishop confirmed for the afternoon of December 3rd in Gresham hall, time TBD. SC's expressed concern about the capacity of technology in Gresham Hall to handle voting was deemed not SC purview.*
- Search Consultant contract – *Judy Stark*
Approved LOA shared w/ STC chairs, Chancellor and CFO.
- Diocesan staff pastoral care plan
At Tue. meeting chairs reiterate to group that SC in charge of diocesan staff pastoral care.

PF & BP Left 5:42 PM

5:42 PM BREAK



5:49 PM **COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)
Everyone had a chance to review documents. SC will receive an email in which to express their approval or not. Each member of SC has to register their own decision though SC votes as a body whether to approve a candidate for ordination or not.
 - ***Motion made to accept documents for Whitney Wilson are in order and compliant.***
Motion made by Sean McConnell. Seconded by Mauricio Wilson.
Passed by majority vote.
 - ***Motion made to accept documents for Lisa DeSilva are in order and compliant.***
Motion made by Sean McConnell. Seconded by Mauricio Wilson.
Passed by majority vote.
 - ***Motion made to accept documents for Laura Natta are in order and compliant.***
Motion made by Sean McConnell. Seconded by Carolyn Bolton.
Passed by majority vote.
 - ***Motion made to accept documents for Mees Tielens are in order and compliant.***
Motion made by Sean McConnell. Seconded by Mauricio Wilson.
Passed by majority vote.
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton)
Updated SC on recent Executive Council meeting.
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)
Didn't meet this month. The Board meets next in June.
- Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner)
No updates. Still reaching out to other dioceses on their process for candidates for ordination. SC made suggestions for which dioceses to make possible enquiries to.
Potential work (Clergy salaries and Executive Council process re. assessing what to do with properties of closed congregations) tabled until the next meeting.



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- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)
Working on ideas. St. Dorothy's Rest is doing well. Summer season lining up. Fundraiser this weekend.
- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford)
Stephen Siptroth has agreed to chair the committee. First meeting is next week.
SC needs to begin reflection on who to nominate for vacant positions.
- Executive Compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson)
Recommendation made to EC.
- Episcopal Elections (Todd Bryant)
No report.

6:00 PM BISHOP'S TIME

Cn. Debbie Low Skinner, Cn Christopher Hayes Joined @ 6:08 PM

- Electing convention Special Rules of Order
Reviewed and revised document sent back to the Secretary of Convention for comment. SC will vote at June meeting.
- Regional Deans
Canon Debbie updated SC re. regional deans. Met past Monday to be briefed on roles and responsibilities. The network has already proved useful.
Working on best practices for communications. Evensong on September 14th will be an official installation of regional deans.
- SC raised question re. requirement of conflict-of-interest document for people serving on diocesan bodies and if necessary for SC. Canon Hayes stipulated it was usually only required when there is possibility of financial benefit but SC should always remain cognizant of potential conflicts of interest and recuse themselves if necessary.
- Cn. Debbie and other diocesan staff updated job posting for Cn. for racial, social, and environmental justice. Will be posted by end of month.

Guests left @ 7:00 PM

Sean McConnell left @ 7:00 PM

7:00 PM GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Midyear SC Retreat
Summer commitments made finding convenient date for everyone challenging. Potentially August 11-12 will work.



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- SC roles and responsibilities
Deferred until retreat.

7:09 PM CLOSING PRAYER *offered by Jane stratford* & **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made to adjourn.
Motion made by Jane Stratford. Seconded by Mauricio Wilson.
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
By Jane Stratford, Secretary.