



Diocese of California Standing Committee  
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**STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2023, 4:00 PM.**

**ZOOM**

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

**Meeting ID: 817 1057 3530**

**Password: P82021**

**PRESENT:** Warren Wong, president; Jane Stratford, secretary; Sean McConnell; Carolyn Bolton; Robyn Amos; Gretchen Lintner.

**EXCUSED:** Mauricio Wilson, vice-president; Todd Bryant

**ABSENT:** None

Opening Devotion – Warren

Closing Devotion - Carolyn

**4:03 PM CALL TO ORDER & Opening Devotion**  
*offered by Warren.*

**4:05 PM CHECK-IN**

**4:10 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
*June 8, 2023*  
*Motion to approve minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with typos corrected.*  
*Moved by Sean O'Connell. Seconded by Gretchen Lintner.*  
*Carried Unanimously.*

**4:13 PM COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS**

- Commission on Ministry (Sean McConnell)  
*no report*
- Executive Council (Carolyn Bolton)  
*attached*
- Grace Cathedral Board of Trustees (Warren Wong)  
*Nothing significant report*
- Working Group on Diocesan Institutions (Robyn Amos)  
*Nothing significant to report. Summer camps going well at St. D and retreat*



*bookings are strong.*

- Nominations Committee (Jane Stratford) *attached.*
- EC considering names to nominate at next meeting. Robyn will nominate Gretchen; Todd will nominate Audrey.
- Executive Compensation Committee (Mauricio Wilson)
- Episcopal Elections (Todd Bryant)

#### **4:25 PM CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS INTERVIEWS**

- Annalise Deal joined meeting @ 4:30 PM, left meeting @ 4:50 PM
- Ben Dinglason joined meeting @ 4:55 PM, left meeting @ 5:15 PM
- 5:20 PM Rebekah Hays Estera joined meeting @ 5:20 PM; left meeting @ 5:40 PM

***Motion to accept Annalise Deal as a candidate for Holy Orders.  
Moved by Robyn Amos. Seconded by Sean McConnell. Carried Unanimously.***

***Motion to admit Ben Dinglason as a candidate for Holy Orders.  
Moved by Jane Stratford. Seconded by Carolyn Bolton.  
Carried Unanimously.***

***Motion to accept Rebekah Hays Estera as a candidate for Holy Orders.  
Moved by Carolyn Bolton. Seconded by Sean McConnell.  
Carried Unanimously.***

#### **5:50 PM BREAK**

#### **6:00 PM BISHOP SEARCH AND TRANSITION**

Rev. Paul Fromberg, Brenda Paulin joined meeting @ 6:00 PM; left meeting @ 6:26 PM

- Updates – *Interviews of the candidates have concluded. In process of reference checks. All interviews recorded on zoom to be watched later by all committee members. Reference checks should be completed by 7/25. Judy Stark is interviewing nominees' bishop's and compiling results for all committee members. Next meeting 8/5. Shared information about candidate retreat (using model of Dio. of NY).*



- *August meeting –will address any issues re. bishop’s residence*

## 6:20 PM BISHOP’S STAFF TIME

*Cn. Debbie Low Skinner, Cn Christopher Hayes joined meeting @ 6:26 PM;  
left meeting @ 7:14 PM*

- Update on offer of purchase for St. John’s, Clayton.  
***Motion made to consent for sale to be negotiated over proposal received.***  
***Moved by Robyn Arnold. Seconded by Gretchen Lintner.***  
***Carried by majority.***
- Update on Henry Ohloff House.  
*Canon Hayes updated SC on the purchase of the property. The organization has secured a loan of \$800K. to turn the premises into a residential building for women which means they do not need to license it as a treatment facility. They are working to get the neighbors on board. They are confident this will pass the planning process. The organization is currently at capacity so is in a strong financial position. Hoping to have proposal accepted next week with a 45-day escrow. A contractor is lined up to do the renovation and they are planning to be operational by September.*
- Consent for agreement between All Saints Episcopal Church, San Leandro, and The American National Red Cross (see attached PDF) Standard form of agreement with Red Cross. Act of public service (don’t pay rent).  
***Motion to approve both the All Saints/Red Cross agreement and a similar one between St. James Fremont and the American National Red Cross.***  
***Moved by Gretchen Lintner. Seconded by Robyn Amos.***  
***Carried Unanimously.***  
*SC encourages other congregations to utilize their facilities for similar purposes. Christopher approved both agreements on behalf of Bishop.*

## 7:14 PM COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS (cont’d from earlier)

- Committee on Governance (Gretchen Lintner)  
*Secured a listing of current members of committee on governance. There are 5 members; 2 are from the class of 2023. There is an open seat from SC appointees for the class of 2025. SC should appoint someone. Obtained list of comparable dioceses.*  
*Request from Committee on Resolutions to ask Governance to look at how other dioceses handle resolution in a way that gives them “teeth” rather than just being symbolic. SC agreed to send it back to resolutions to resolve internally.*



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**7:21 PM CLOSING PRAYER** *(offered by Carolyn to reflect summer ambience)* &  
**ADJOURNMENT.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Stratford, Secretary.