

**Standing Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 12, 2007 – Mission House, Seaside**

**Present for this meeting**

Ms Ann Wright, President; Mr. Joe Chouinard, the Rev. Keith Johnson, the Rev. Harriet Linville, the Rev. Mary Morrison, the Rev. Linda Taylor, Mr. Jerry Witherspoon, Ms Graciela Velazquez

Guests: The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero, the Rev. Brian Nordwick, Mr. Beck Grabau (telephone)

**9:30AM Opening prayer – Mary Morrison**

**9:50 Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda adopted with additions.

**10:00 Proposal for Seaside property – Brian Nordwick and Beck Grabau**

We discussed a proposal by a developer to transfer some water rights and build on the Seaside site, at the same time improving the parking here and possibly putting up a 2 story building for the church with Diocesan offices to be on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This property has no water rights and so could not build or expand in any way. The group discussed options, opportunities, concerns and questions related to the proposal. Joe will participate in conference call on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to explore issues. Questions include determination of current water rights, possibility of extending water rights, implications of expanding facility in relation to possible diocesan office relocation, and appraisal of current site. Developer estimates cost of developing facility at \$150/sqft., which implies a shell building with tenant improvements as diocesan responsibility. We will discuss further at May meeting, following presentation to the Corporation.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the March 2007 meeting were approved without corrections.

**Action Items**

All action items were completed.

**10:45 Reports**

**Bishop's Report**

- Visitations have been wonderful, especially the Vigil at Trinity, which included Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe and St. Edward's.
- Holy Wednesday renewal of vows and blessing of oils was a good gathering.
- House of Bishops anticipated tension but found good spirit of fellowship among the bishops. They communicated to the Archbishop of Canterbury about meeting with them and about the uncanonical nature of the proposed Pastoral Council. It is clear that bishops want to be part of the Anglican Communion, but they are not willing to ignore that the General Convention has voted in favor of ordination of gays. Letter from the network has been received but not posted on Episcopal Church website. The bishop was unable to vote at the gathering, but plans are in place for him to vote in the fall. Eva attended the spouses' gathering and expresses her thanks for being there.
- The bishop said that the search has given the diocese a gift.

- The bishop is looking forward to the Clergy Conference on the 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

### **11:30-12:30: Joint Meeting with Diocesan Council**

Refer to Council minutes

### **Bishop Search Update – Joe Chouinard and Linda Taylor**

Joe and Linda described current focus on planning for presentation rounds.

### **Transition Update – Mary Morrison**

Mary and Katherine Doar toured St. Andrew's as first step in planning for the November ordination.

### **Petition Process**

One petition has been received, and it appears to be complete on first review. The deadline is 5pm today.

### **Council – Keith Johnson**

Keith reported that discussion concerned the difficulty of the process of reviewing restoration plans. Jerry suggested that possibly there needs to be discussion about forgiving all past debts and starting new as it's unlikely that congregations will pay arrears. The Rev. Rick Matters, new rector at All Saints, Carmel will be starting there on May 27. Their Restoration Plan is not adequate, and Council will look at it again in a year. Suggestion made that Jerry Witherspoon, representing Standing Committee, and representatives of Finance Committee might possibly meet with Rick Matters and All Saints treasurer, Ed Fink, to discuss the issue in more detail. They are at 15% and should be at 50% of what they should be giving. Comment made that for the Diocesan Restoration Plan to work all congregations must be healthy.

### **Small Congregations Meeting – Keith Johnson**

Keith reported on Small Congregation meeting. They now have five steering committee members: Diana Lovelace, Keith Johnson, Lisa Gonzales, Patti Barrett and Vince Raj. They are considering holding three meetings with Suzanne Watson if she is here through the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. This would give congregations more opportunity for interaction with her.

### **Administrator's Report – Brian Nordwick**

- Deployment
  - Carmel has letter of agreement signed by congregation and future rector. The Ecclesiastical Authority will sign tomorrow
  - St. Paul's, Salinas, received names until March 23 and will be using supply priests rather than an interim.
  - St. Andrew's, Saratoga – Brian attended their vestry meeting. Holly McAlpen is consulting for their search process. Planning is underway for the interim period.
  - St. Stephen's, Gilroy – Terry Burley is in place as rector
  - St. James, Paso Robles – In the profile development phase
- Brian will be attending deployment session as part of Conference of Diocesan Executives.
- Clergy conference is April, 23 - 25. Program is centered in clergy preparation for receiving new bishop.

- Lay conference regarding change is proposed for May (5, 12 or 19). Rob Voyle will be asked to facilitate.
- Preparation for the electing convention and fall convention is underway. Sherwood Hall is reserved for November 7-8, 2008.

**DIEM – Joe Chouinard**

Joe was not at the March 31 meeting due to conflict with Search/Standing Committee meeting. They moved budgets for the next year and have forwarded them to Council.

**Commission on Ministry – Linda Taylor and Graciela Velazquez**

Linda reviewed the written report. The group approved the Commission’s request for tuition for Deborah Kempson-Thompson’s attendance at the National Hispanic Ministry Conference to be held in June in Texas.

MSC (Taylor/Linville) that we approve Francisco Castro for ordination to transitional diaconate.

**Corporation – Jerry Witherspoon**

No meeting, no report

**Foundation – Jerry Witherspoon**

Jerry has been invited to be a member of this group rather than serving as liaison

**Fresh Start – Jerry Witherspoon**

Representatives from our dioceses attended facilitator training in March at San Damiano. Jerry is now the diocesan contact. The training was well done. The trainers are from around the country are knowledgeable and committed to the program and the ministry. The program was formerly limited to clergy in transition; it is now expanded to include vestry and lay leaders. Facilitators are Karen Siegfriedt, Ernest Cockrell, Mary Lou McKenney, Jerry Witherspoon and Ann Wright

**President’s report**

1. May meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Visitation schedule
  - April 15 – St. Timothy’s - Ann
  - April 22 – Calvary – Ann
  - April 29 – Bishop in Arizona
  - May 6 – St. John’s, Capitola – Graciela
  - May 13 – All Saints, Carmel – Ann
  - May 27 – All Saints, Palo Alto – Jerry
  - May 20 – St. Andrew’s, Saratoga – Ann
  - June 3 – St. Paul’s and San Pablo, Salinas - Graciela
  - June 10 – Episcopal Church in Almaden – Jerry
  - June 17 - St. Stephen’s, Gilroy
  - June 24 – St. Andrew’s, Saratoga
  - June 30 – Kathey Crowe ordination at Trinity

### **1:30-2:00 Interview with Shelley Denney**

MSC (Morrison/Chouinard) to approve Shelley Denney for candidacy for Holy Orders

#### 3. CIA-Team report

The CIA-Team will be meeting with the convocations in the next month.

#### 4. Regional Faith Formation Workshop report

This was a very successful day, with very good feedback and good suggestions. Nineteen walk-ins attended, in addition to those who had registered. Max Wright and Maryellen Garnier are going to reformat the Eucharistic Minister and lay visitor training to meet needs of El Camino Real ministry more appropriately.

#### 5. CERT meeting

The group has decided to do more faith formation training, on a semiannual basis, in August and January. August 4 is tentative date, and they are thinking about using York school.

#### 6. Report/discussion from St. Stephen's

Representatives will be meeting with us in May.

### **Consents**

- Consented to election of the Rev. Shannon Johnston, Coadjutor, Diocese of Virginia
- Consented to the election of a Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Alabama

### **Correspondence**

- **Letters Dimissory**
  - The Rev. James Edward Collins, from the Diocese of Algoma
  - The Rev. Eliza Mackay Linley, from the Diocese of California
- **Notice of Suspension upon Voluntary Submission to Discipline**
  - Stephen M. Rozelle, Diocese of New Jersey
- **Notice of Inhibition**
  - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Tirman, Diocese of Indianapolis
  - The Rev. Charles Conover, Diocese of Indianapolis
- **Notice of Voluntary Renunciation of Ordained Ministry**
  - Daniel Gerardo Bohorquez, Diocese of Texas
- **Notice of Deposition upon Renunciation of the Ministry**
  - Karl Ullrich, Diocese of Los Angeles
- **Notice of Abandonment of the Communion and Release from Obligations as Deacon**
  - Robert Christopher Cairns, Diocese of East Tennessee

**Executive Session: 12:45-1:10pm**

**Adjourn after prayer at 2:30**

Respectfully submitted,  
(The Rev. Canon) Linda S. Taylor, Secretary

