

Standing Committee Minutes
Thursday, July 12, 2007 – Mission House, Seaside

Present for this meeting

Ms Ann Wright, President; Mr. Joe Chouinard, the Rev. Harriet Linville, the Rev. Mary Morrison, the Rev. Linda Taylor, Mr. Jerry Witherspoon, Ms Graciela Velazquez
Excused absence: The Rev. Keith Johnson
Guests: The Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero, the Rev. Brian Nordwick

9:30AM Opening prayer and scripture – Joe Chouinard

9:50 Adoption of Agenda

Agenda adopted.

Minutes

Minutes of the June 2007 meeting were approved.

Action Items

All but two action items were completed; added to list for this month.

Reports

Bishop's Report

- Executive Session 9:55-10:45
- The bishop visited St. John's Chapel on July 1. He met with the rector as well as members of the congregation.
- Kevin Fisher will be ordained to priesthood in Las Vegas on July 28 at 4pm. The bishop will be returning from vacation early that morning. Representatives of the Standing Committee are encouraged to attend if schedules permit.
- Parishes of Diocese of San Joaquin

Several priests have asked how we can support those parishes in San Joaquin who want to stay in the Church. The bishop has discussed the issue with Joel and Rick Matters. Calvary will be doing a jazz festival on September 15, and that may be an opportunity to show them hospitality. The committee expressed agreement with providing support for these parishes.

- There will be a congregational meeting at 7pm on July 18 at St. Edward's. The bishop, Ann, the Rev. Jim McLeod, and Chancellor Nancy Cohen will be in attendance.
- Latino training

A workshop on Anglicanism is scheduled for August 20-24. Topics will include history, BCP, stewardship, parish administration. There is a training in September in New York, but the cost is prohibitive. Anthony Guillen is not available to come here. The Latino clergy met yesterday, and they are very excited about this. The Revs. Silito Romero and Patricia Catalano may be able to assist. Suggestions were made about resources for the training, and committee members volunteered/suggested (Mary – BCP; Linda – Administration; Jen Ezell – stewardship; Linda – history chart).

- Future plans

The bishop has been in dialog with the bishop of New Jersey. If called, he would serve as assisting bishop until March, then assistant bishop.

Administrator's Report – Ann Wright for Brian Nordwick

- No appraisal or further information about water rights.

Bishop Search – Last Words – Joe Chouinard and Linda Taylor

The Bishop Search Committee will meet for our final get-together this Sunday. Ann has written notes to all nominees, asking that they give us feedback and suggestions. Paige stressed that the Presentation Tour was an excellent opportunity to demonstrate stamina. The Diocese of California has just finished their reports; Joanna Shreve has almost completed our report. Ann suggested that our co-chairs meet with theirs. The national process calls for debrief with all participants 6 months after the ordination; Ann suggests that this happen earlier.

Transition Update – Mary Morrison

Convention went very smoothly. The Transition Committee met on Saturday, and the participants are excited. Next are farewell parties for Bishop Romero. Bishop-elect Mary has already accomplished many of the transition objectives. Mary Lou McKenney has contacted Bishop Frade about buying pectoral cross or ring; ECR clergy will buy the other. No information has been received from examinations. The remaining question is whether we need to send copies of all testimonials to standing committees as part of the consent package. No information has come back from Clay Matthews's office. Linda will check practice of other dioceses. The national church will send us the labels. Funds have been found for support of Katie's tuition at York, and the family has rented a house in Salinas.

Connie White is moving out of the area and has offered first refusal of their home to the Reeves.

The negotiating committee has met with Mary by phone. We are continuing to work through identified issues.

Ann expressed the diocese's thanks to Mary for leadership of the convention process.

Council – Ann Wright

- Budget went to council for review and will be voted on at July meeting.
- Small Congregations gatherings are happening this week and are very well attended. Keith Brown and Suzanne Watson.

DIEM – Joe Chouinard

- Joe reviewed his written report.
- Cristo Rey will be submitting a formal package. We are currently trying to determine whether they were made a bishop's congregation in 2001. The bishop indicated that making the congregation a mission will regularize their situation and assist in integrating them into the diocese. If they are not already a bishop's congregation, we need to do a notification process for surrounding congregations before they are admitted to that status.
- St. Stephen's request for parish status. They are tracking in line with ASA and income projections. Concern was expressed that the two year minimum for coverage of normal expenses, including the Fair Share, has not yet been met and that approval of the request will

set a precedent. We also expressed a desire to honor and reward the work the congregation has done in the last years.

MSC (Witherspoon/Linville) that we approve St. Stephen's request for parish status.

We discussed the need for parish articles of incorporation to meet requirements for diocesan ownership of the church property.

- Department of Missions Plan

Commission on Ministry – Linda Taylor and Graciela Velazquez

No meeting this month until the 24th. This will be a process review day, but the group will also need to discuss several people who are in the process.

Nominating Committee – Linda Taylor

The Diocesan Leadership Recruitment Committee has met by conference call, and the process is well underway.

Corporation – Jerry Witherspoon

No meeting; no report.

Constitutions and Canons – Jerry Witherspoon

Draft changes to comply with new structure have been communicated to diocese

President's report

1. Meeting dates

- Standing Committee on August 1; next meeting is September 13

2. Visitation schedule

- July 15 – St. Phillip's, Scotts Valley
- July 22 – St. James, Monterey
- July 29 – St. Luke's, Los Gatos
- August 5 – St. John's, Morgan Hill
- August 12 – St. Barnabas', Arroyo Grande
- August 18 – Saturday; Guadalupe
- August 19 - St. Peter's, Morro Bay
- August 26 – St. Andrew's, Ben Lomond
- September 8 – Ordination Kathey Crowe

3. Resignation of Youth Coordinator

Desi Brown has resigned; she has a full-time job, as well as care for two babies. SpiritWest is cancelled; there were no sign-ups, and she is unable to take the baby. We don't know what is happening with Happening and New Beginnings. We identified some possible resources for ongoing program.

4. CIA-Team report

No meeting; communication by email. Draft canons have been disseminated. The group hopes to piggyback canon discussion with budget meetings to deaneries.

5. CERT update

- Training on August 4 at Good Shepherd is ready to go. The training will include eucharistic ministers, eucharistic visitors (materials reworked by Max Wright and Maryellen Garnier), Stephen ministry introduction (Jan Martin), and Safe-Guarding Children (Kathey Crowe). Silito Romero will translate for Latino
- Ann and David Bird will be getting together to work on getting staff to come to the diocese.
- Jerry asked about next steps for Fresh Start team. Ann suggested that Brian may have some suggestions about congregations who will welcome this ministry.

6. Negotiating Team

The team has met and will finalize soon.

7. Diocesan Leadership Team

The team met and got a lot of work done. Ann believes this will be an important team to assist in transition for new bishop.

8. Ann has written to Jonathan Romeyn, accepting his resignation as church attorney.

9. Ann reported that a majority of the Standing Committee responded by email in favor of approving All Saints Day School, Carmel, receiving a donation of an additional gift of property, adjacent to the property previously donated by the same donor and to the existing school property. The property is all in the name of All Saints' parish. In order to effect this subdivision and gift, the County has required that the water restriction previously agreed for the school property be applicable to this 2 1/2 acre parcel as well. Steve Pearson's office has reviewed the documents for their client, All Saints Day School, and finds all to be in order. Our chancellor, Nancy Cohen, has also reviewed the documents and recommended that the Standing Committee approve this restriction on the land, just as was done for the previous gift.

Consents

- Consented to the election of a bishop coadjutor for the Diocese of Maine

Correspondence

- Letter from Mary Gray-Reeves to the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, accepting call to be Bishop of El Camino Real.
- **Letters Dimissory**
The Rev. Margaret Bertha Irwin, to the Diocese of Milwaukee
The Rev. Richard Bruce Matters, from the Diocese of San Joaquin
- **Notice of Inhibition**
The Rev. John Beasley, Diocese of Indianapolis
- **Notice of Voluntary Renunciation of Ordained Ministry**
Joy Gartman, Diocese of North California
J. Stephen Gartman, Diocese of North California

James W. Mariner, Diocese of North California

Executive Session 2:00-2:45

Adjourn after prayer at 2:50pm

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