

Standing Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 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
Guest: Bishop-elect Mary Gray-Reeves

9:40AM Prayer and scripture – Jerry

9:50 Adoption of Agenda

Agenda adopted.

Minutes

Minutes of the September 2007 meeting were approved.

Action Items

Action items were completed; one item carried over.

Reports

Bishop-elect's Report

- She is focusing on building time to think and to reflect on all she's been hearing. She will say at convention that we need to get the constitutions and canons completed so we can get on with our work. We have a good plan for 2008: collection from the ordination will be split between discretionary fund, youth mission trips and educational opportunities for lay and clergy. Clergy conference in April 21-23 will focus on collegiality and spirituality. May 16-17 Magnetic Church with Andrew Weeks; clergy and lay members from each church. In the fall, there will be some kind of parish team conference on "busting barriers". Wondering if Carol Anderson at Pasadena will come to be with us. Jim Lemmler has done great conference. Some things percolating for '09
- She sees our difficulty with youth programs as a diversity issue. Latino congregations are systemically multi-generational; barriers against presence of young people are systemic in Anglo congregations. Mission trips are being planned for spring and summer.

Administrator's Report – Brian Nordwick

- See last Friday's Administrative Report
- No new information on Seaside property.

Transition Update – Mary Morrison

- Things are moving right along.
- The ticket allocation process is in process; tickets will be distributed at Convention. Overflow seating will probably hold about 300. DVDs will be available for purchase.
- Color of the day is red; invitations to various events of the week will be distributed. Meeting on Friday from 10-1 for clergy and lay leaders.
- Consents from standing committees continue to be received; more than 75 consent responses and 6 or 7 no-consent responses have been received.

Council – Keith Johnson

- Council raised money during the meeting to support the ordination fund.
- This was the last meeting of the Council

DIEM – Joe Chouinard

- Joe reviewed his written report
- Bishop Mary attended and spoke to concerns expressed during the meeting.

Commission on Ministry – Linda Taylor

- Linda reviewed the written report.
- Received request to approve COM recommendation that Joan Anderson and Michael Ridgeway be advanced to candidacy for the vocational diaconate. They have not met with the Standing Committee so will be invited to meet with us in November.

Nominating Committee – Linda Taylor

The committee has completed their initial work. The change in canon has resulted in some interesting process, especially related to the ballots for Board of Trustees. There are still a few gaps in the slate, and work is continuing on identifying and recruiting candidates.

Corporation – Jerry Witherspoon

- Voted to fund \$500,000 for equity share in bishop's home, to be funded as real estate investment of endowment funds.
- Recommended to Board of Trustees for diocesan investment plans and policies.
- Ball is in the developers' court for Seaside.
- Gonzales project will use \$15,000 grant funds as well as other appropriate funds to do facility improvements to support program development.
- This was the last meeting of the Corporation and those present gave thanks to the directors who have given their time and talent over the years.

Finance – Jerry Witherspoon

- Because of the new Fair Share structure, it's difficult to tell whether congregations are truly current, but communication about changes in relation to estimates has been good.
- Reports will be coming in for parishes in restoration plans.

Foundation – Jerry Witherspoon

The Foundation did not meet.

Fresh Start – Jerry Witherspoon

Jerry met with Brian to identify needs for mentoring of new clergy. He distributed a list of clergy currently being mentored, those who are new to the diocese and need mentoring, and the people who have been trained to facilitate the groups. Jerry is diocesan contact-point with national training team. There are rich resources available. He will be discussing the program and process with Bishop-elect Mary.

Constitutions and Canons – Ann

There have been several revisions in response to expressed concerns.

President's report

1. Appointments

- Chancellor – Nancy Cohen
- Parliamentarians – Sandy Boone for Friday and Nancy for Saturday
- Dispatch of Business – Steve Pearson, Denise Chouinard
- Archivist – Bob Pomeroy
- Nominating Committee – Linda Taylor
- Resolutions Committee – Richard Leslie, Wendy Smith, Frank Snow
- Constitution and Canons – Chris Creed, Chair, Patrick Waddell
- Stewardship Committee – Will be appointed by Board of Trustees
- Dept of Higher Education – Mary Gray Reeves, Roger Wharton, Matt Conrad, Daniel Green, Berkeley Johnson, Jon Perez
- Finance Committee – Appointed by Board of Trustees. Ann has developed list of potential names and handed over to Board.
- Peace and Justice Commission – No activity at this point
- Personnel Committee – Lloyd Lawrey, Chair. Jerry will check to see if Karen Siegfried is interested.
- Risk management – Appointed by Board of Trustees.
- Commission on Ministry – These will be appointed following the election.
- Department of Missions – Deanery reps ready to run again: SLO - Laura Learned; Monterey – Carl Chan. Four appointments: Angie Dela Cruz, Jan Martin, Carol Morris, Ted Parske

2. Diocesan Leadership Team meeting

They went around the room, sharing their perspectives on respective groups with Bishop-elect Mary. They spent a significant amount of time working on revisions to Canon 18 and 20, and the results are good. The group will probably continue to meet quarterly as a communication vehicle.

3. SLO *Faith Formation Conference* on October 13.

Sign-ups are going well.

4. Convention

Convention begins on Friday, with the canons being the first work to be accomplished. Social hour begins at 5. Dinner will be together, with short program, including award of Bishop's Crosses.

Correspondence

Letters dimissory

The Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves, from the Diocese of Southeast Florida
The Rev. James Marcus Lieb, from the Diocese of California

Other:

Letters from the Senior and Junior Wardens of St. Luke's, Hollister

Executive Session: 11:50-12:10; 12:50-1:20; 1:30-2:10; 2:15-2:45

Adjourn after prayer at 3:30pm

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