

Minutes
For a Special Meeting of the Diocese of El Camino Real
Standing Committee
Thursday, August 07, 2008

Present for this meeting

Members: Joe Chouinard (by telephone), Chris Creed, Linda Taylor, Mary Morrison (by telephone), Jerry Witherspoon (by telephone), Jeff Diehl, Patti Barrett

Guests: Bp. Mary Gray-Reeves, Ken Wratten (by telephone)

The meeting opened at 10:00 AM. Linda Taylor, president, presided and Joe Chouinard, secretary, kept minutes of the meeting.

Opening Prayers

Bp. Mary opened the meeting with prayer.

Clergy Renunciation of Vows

Bishop Mary presented a request for renunciation of vows by William J. Martin. She explained that acceptance required the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Standing Committee and the witness of two or more priests. She also described other options available to a bishop under these circumstances.

MSP – The members of the Standing Committee grant consent to the acceptance of the renunciation of the Ministry by William James Martin.

Request to Encumber Property: St. Stephen's in the Fields

A request has been received from St. Stephen's in the Fields to establish a parish pre-school on the grounds of the parish. They are seeking a loan through the National Church Building Fund for the work and the diocese would serve as guarantor for that loan. Discussion followed with additional information provided by Ken Wratten.

MSP – The Standing Committee approves application for a loan in the amount of \$29,791 by St. Stephen's in the Field for funds from the National Church Building Fund to improve the property for the purposes of establishing a parish pre-school.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Chouinard, Secretary