

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
MEETING of the STANDING COMMITTEE
Minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, 5:00 PM

At Diocesan Office

Approved Mar. 27, 2018

President McCausland called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

The clergy present were Liz Colton, Jo Ann Jones, Sean Mullen, Hillary Raining, and Michael Rau. The laypersons present were Colin Johnstone, Norman McCausland, Pat Smith and George Vosburgh.

Also present were Bishop Daniel Gutierrez and Chancellor Mary Kohart.

Excused: Eric Rabe

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Rau.

Motion made to have Rau fill in as secretary for evening. Pro tempore for Rabe.
Approved unanimously.

The Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting were approved. The Notes of the January 23, 2018 meeting were accepted.

Executive Committee Report

- Received letter from the Very Rev. Richard Morgan, Dean of Brandywine, in regards to Seamen's church.

Report of the Bishop

- The Bishop has been spending more time with congregations.
- The Offices of the Diocese staff continues to evolve as all positions have been filled.
- The Bishop is continuing to work on appointing a Strategic Budget Working Group to consider long-term finances of the Diocese over five to ten years. That group will be asked to report to Convention in 2019. The key question to be addressed by the Special Budget Committee: How we are using our gifts moving forward? Co-chairs are being appointed and members are agreeing to serve on the committee.
- The Bishop will be at House of Bishops next week.

Approval and Consents

1. There were no ministry approvals.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Property and the Finance committees, **approved unanimously**, the request to **lease space to the Presbyterian Church** (City Line Church, Inc.) which currently rents space at St. John's Lower Merion. City Line

and St. John's have entered into a long-term (approximately 4.5 years) agreement through June 30, 2022 that will take effect on receipt of Diocesan approval. The agreement will pay \$25,000 in the first year, and will be CPI adjusted, annually. This lease has been approved by the Property Sub-Committee, subject to review of the lease by the Chancellor. Sean McCauley finds the lease document deficient and the Chancellor is reviewing. The Finance Committee may approve the concept, and leave Mr. McCauley and the Chancellor to work out the best legal arrangement. (Vosburgh/Smith)

3. Upon the recommendation of the Property and Finance committees, **approved unanimously**, the request to **authorize discussions regarding a possible sale of St. Mary's, Warwick (new church)** also known as 61 Morningside Dr., Elverson. The offering price will be \$450,000. The church ceased operations some time ago. (A remnant of the former congregation meets in another building known as "old St. Mary's.") The "new church" building has been used as a secure depository for diocesan property items (paintings, furniture, etc.). The Diocese has been approached by three parties interested in purchasing the property. The possible sale assumes the Diocese or other church entity will maintain and continue to use the existing cemetery next to the Church continuing our current practice. The Property Sub-Committee and the Finance Committee recommend the sale. (Colton/Vosburgh)

Motion to adjourn (George/Pat)

The closing prayer was offered by Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm by McCausland.

Future Meetings

- o March 27, 2018: Conversation with COM chair on ordination process
- o March 27, 2018: (4) Postulants seeking candidacy
- o March 27, 2018 Opening/Closing Prayers: Jones/Rabe
- o Open house, dinner, honor outgoing SC members