

Standing Committee
October 24, 2017
Minutes

Attendance: Norman MacCausland, Hillary Raining, Deirdre Whitfield, Deborah Brown, Pat Smith, Liz Colton, George Vosburgh, Sean Mullen, Eric Rabe, Mary Kohart, Bp. Gutierrez

Guests: James Pope, Alan Lindsey

Meeting called to order – Mac 5:03pm

Opening Prayer Liz

Approved Agenda for Pat/George 2nd

Approved Minutes from Sept. meeting Eric/George 2nd– (Question concerning Approvals and Consents)
Mac will check to make sure they are in the minutes

Approved Notes from Sept. meeting Pat/ George 2nd

After the meeting was called to order by President Norm MacCausland, a presentation was made by James Pope and Alan Lindsey on the use of undistributed funds held and managed by Church Foundation. Mac prefaced the meeting by stating that no motions will be acted upon, however James would like SC to approve in concept as to how the budget will be balanced. When documentation that is needed has been fully provided, SC will then approve. Currently, working on a process for considering the use of undistributed funds that will be put in to place, which Mary Kohart has agreed to and will approve. As yet, Mac has not heard from Mary concerning this process.

Pope and Lindsey provided an updated spread sheet of all the accounts held by Church Foundation which indicated those funds with undistributed and unrestricted income. These funds could be available to balance the 2018 budget which up to the date of this meeting shows as a deficit of @ \$400,000. The 2018 deficit is a result of Diocesan Council approval of an added capital grants program and mission ministry.

Discussion: Several issues of concern were raised as to the ownership of the funds, the long list of funds with undistributed, restricted and or unrestricted income and the lack of regular reporting by Church Foundation as to our knowledge of the existence of funds that have been given to the Diocese/Church Foundation to manage. Although individual funds are reported and reconciled quarterly, it was agreed that regular reporting needs to be the practice to address transparency and SC approval of appropriate distribution of such funds. Sean also suggested that regular reporting of these funds should be available and understandable for lay. Pope and Lindsey both assured that the use of these funds to balance the 2018 budget would not have negative economic impact.

SC will revisit at later time perhaps in December, after all documents and request to use these funds are in place. Mac motioned to approve the concept that: SC appreciates the work of the treasure on these funds. Although the verification of funds is incomplete, Treasurer believes the money is available to

close the gap in the budget and accrued but undistributed funds, under authority of EA will be used to balance budget.

Approval of the Concept concerning use of these undistributed funds - **George/Pat 2nd?**

Motions to approve candidates to Priest hood:

Approval of JoAnn B Jones, Pat/ Eric 2nd

Approval of James Stambaugh, Liz/Deborah 2nd

Staff Reports

Property Comm. no report.

Exec Com. Report – Committee met twice by phone and one physical meeting. Continued conversation from Eric Takacs and new COM process for ordination– Since no Documentation on undistributed funds no action is recommended for SC. Last meeting for Deborah and Deirdre. Thanks given for service. Dinner?

Bp. Report. – upcoming is a 10 page report on state of Diocese. Will be looking closer at endowment. Asking for a two year formation group to look at endowment, but not at the expense of poor churches. How we can look at our monies differently and report back. How can we use our funds for Prosperity for proclamation. Office of the Diocese is close to hiring a Canon for Transition. Would like SC to be intentional about investing or being creative with the church.

Chancellor’s Report – No Lawsuits, no report

Communications – no report

New Business – Request from Dean Sullivan – approval of 5 people to Cathedral Chapter. There was some concern and discussion as to the process of how Chapter members are nominated. This will be addressed with the Dean Judith Sullivan. Bp has asked that we approve the following nominees: The Rev. Ernest Curtin, Ms. Penny Cutler, Norman McClave, The Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Mertz, The Rev. Michael Rau **Approval** of 5 nominees to Cathedral Chapter George/ Hillary as per Bp. request.

Congregational life – No report

Constitution and Canons – All Resolutions ready to go

COM – presented draft of updated process, believe this new process to be very healthy, but still waiting for one or two things to be finalized by Bp. Mac – a conversation will probably be needed in order for mutuality, trust and healthy relationships to ensure a smooth transition and more supportive mutual effort.

Diocesan Council – George - meeting proceeded but no report – some discussion of missions came up.

Incorporation - PowerPoint will be presented at convention laying out the options as to what is best for Diocese. A 60 day drop box for comments and will proceed from there. Foundation not playing nice. We will deal with them at a later time, suggest we make Foundation a subsidiary corporation – which still gives Diocese control over operations and management. A question was asked concerning the

nomination process for board? Response: Church Foundation – generally elects their own in the past. There was also concern expressed as to the slow trickle of information from Incorp. Committee don't really know what is going on and would feel more comfortable if SC had more information. It was believed that Inc. Comm. would give SC a presentation as to the way we will go and then we would proceed from there.

Next Meeting: December – 12th to cover November and December 5-7

Motion to Adjourn Eric/Deborah 2nd

Closing prayer – Pat S.