

Standing Committee Meeting
of the Diocese of Pennsylvania
Sept. 26, 2017
Minutes

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

5:10pm Meeting called to order, Opening prayer Deirdre Whitfield

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes from July

Approval of notes from July

Staff Reports

Reports continue to be well received. However, a request was made to have pictures accompany the information the Standing Committee receives in order to make a better informed decision. It was noted that SC get the actual report from Standing Committee and as a result Bp will create a process and form with checklist of items needed to provide information, which will go to property committee, then finance – all of which SC will have access in order to make well informed decisions about property matters in particular those dealing with non-residential/church leases.

Executive Committee Report

Met once in July and two conference calls. SC will receive COM's draft of new process for aspirants in the ordination process by next month (Oct.), in addition interviews for those in the process are scheduled in Nov. Chair of Board of Chaplains will be addressing the Episcopal students at Lutheran Sem. Erika and Mac will be going to the meeting. Work is being done to create new Diopa e-mail addresses to help facilitate communication with various commissions and committees and Sean Mullen has written an article for "Caminos" on the role of SC when churches are dealing with property matters.

Bp. Report

Jonathan Mitchicum request to be released from holy orders in order to be received by the Catholic Church, Declaration of Renunciation has been issued as per Canons 3.9.8 & 3.9.12. **Trinity Oxford** meeting with Council woman Parker went very well. Bishop will be working with Council woman to help Trinity through the process of working with the community and Rep Solomon. Event for Octavius Catto went well and The Bishop has begun a process of adding Octavius Catto to Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Chancellor – No Report

Property and Finance

Grants for Building and Grounds was approved with recommendations to leave the finance committee out of the process and to include vestry and rector approval to be noted in churches minutes as having requested the funding. In addition parochial reports will not be required to apply since they are on file at the Diocesan Offices. These changes will be communicated to finance committee.

The Rectory lease for Canon Wamsley at St. Timothy's, Roxborough was approved. Housing allowance in the amount of \$36000 was approved for Canon Kirk Berlenbach.

SC is still waiting for information from Church Foundation concerning undistributed income. Once this information is received we can vote on its use appropriately for balancing the 2018 budget. SC did approve a letter to Church Foundation requesting that the foundation identify funds that could be used by the Diocese for the purpose of the budget.

Income and expenses are now on the budget to reflect what we are actually spending

The Agreement of Sale for the Rectory of Church of the Redeemer, Springfield has been approved and loan of \$30000, will be repayed to Diocese once actual sale has taken place scheduled for Sept 29.

Other Business

A Resolution to express appreciation for Henry Carnes at 2018 Convention was approved. **Incorp. Committee Presentation** (Mary Kohart) – at St David's has been going well at pre-convention meetings and one rep from committee is attending every pre-convention meeting. Power point presentation will also be given at 2018 Convention.