

## Minutes of the Standing Committee

April 2, 2019

Present: Anthony Alexander, +Audrey Scanlan, John Harwood+, John Wolgemuth, Amy Swiernik, Jim Strader-Sasser+, Barbara Hutchinson+, Drew Dorgan, Susan Landin, Michael Nailor+, Nicolette Norris, Patrick Pierce+, and Jeff Packard+.

Shared Vision Retreat: Based on the retreat what gift are you bringing to move this conversation forward? Items on the table explained.

Calling forward of roles in Circle Way: Guardian – not only keeping time, but protecting the mix of people and ideas. Nicolette will serve as guardian.

Kyle Murphy interviewed as a transitional deacon – Patrick will interview.

Positive qualities: genuineness, commitment, freshness, knows where to start (process), evolution/openness to trying new things, adaptive (able to navigate), trust in the bigger picture, good communicator with a good sense of energy, included everyone in the discussion.

Michael moved and Barbara seconded moving Kyle forward in the process. Motion passed unanimously. Positives of his responses were reviewed with him and a final blessing was asked.

Shayna Watson interviewed as a priest – Susan will interview.

Positive qualities: courageously compassionate, effective at claiming space, sense of humor about who she is, her role, and her role, effective communicator, graceful and strong at the same time, comfortable being who she is, lives in uncomfortable, radiant in the spirit, oozes love,

Drew moves, Jim seconds moving forward in the process. Motion passed unanimously.

Bishop elections. No special commentary. All elections were endorsed by this Standing Committee via a motion by Amy with Anthony seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Time to start thinking about candidates for Standing Committee. Amy and Barbara will not be running.

+Bishop Audrey reported that she's been asked to take the place of another bishop (Bishop of Minnesota) in a Title IV case. She has also been invited to participate in an ERD pilgrimage to Sri Lanka next fall. When she met with the House of Bishops about the Lambeth Conference, she reported a strong sense that American bishops should go despite the affront to the spouses of gay bishops. +Audrey will go, but Glenn will not go as part of the spousal program.

When we turned to a debrief on our Visioning Retreat last month, we talked about highlights most relevant to our ordination process, including planning for the next retreat. What qualities do we most need to seek in future candidates? How can we clarify the roles and opportunities for lay leadership (preaching, catechists, Eucharistic visitors, etc.). Virginia has a one-pipe → three pipelines model; Iowa has a larger net for discerning pastoral leaders – discerning a call to multiple paths, not

just to ordination. The consensus is that we have a real opportunity to discern ways to clarify and refine the formation of lay ministries.

For our next meeting we will read chapter four in *The Agile Church*.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, at 1PM.