

Minutes of the Standing Committee

July 2, 2019

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

Absent: +Bishop Audrey, Nicolette Norris

1. We unanimously approved the Minutes of our June meeting.
2. We met with Donna (“Jody”) Barthle, who is being considered for candidacy to the priesthood. (The SC noted many positive qualities: articulate and reflective, open to the movement of the Spirit, has a well of spiritual experiences from her native traditions, compassionate with people, earnest and dedicated, clear communicator, a calming presence”). Jim+ moved, Anthony seconded, and the SC unanimously voted to approve her for candidacy. After the vote, we then discussed the politics of placing a lay pastor in such a politically complex parish context.
3. Amy moved and Jeff+ seconded that we consent to the election of three bishops elect. We unanimously approved the following: The Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, Diocese of Michigan; The Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Folts, Diocese of South Dakota; and The Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby, Diocese of El Camino Real.
4. We explored and reflected on the implications of *The Agile Church* for our practice of ministries in the Diocese, including candid discussions of successes and failures in our local innovations.
5. We discussed briefly the data from the Shared Vision retreat.
6. Because Chad Linder was not available, we received but did not discuss the proposed financial policies regarding parish loans and encumbrances.

For our next meeting we will read chapter five in *The Agile Church*. Please come with a story that illustrates one of the practices.

Our next Standing Committee Meeting is August 6 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Bishop’s Parlor.

In September our SC meeting will be on September 3 (if we hold the meeting); the next Shared Vision Retreat is September 6 beginning at 1 p.m. at St. Thomas, Lancaster.