

Minutes of the Standing Committee
November 3, 2020

Present: Drew Dorgan, Kathy Hettinga, Susan Landin, Nicolette Norris, Jeff Packard+, +Audrey Scanlan, Greg Welin+, and John Wolgemuth, Eric Hillegas+, Veronica Chappell+, Kate Harrigan+

Absent: Anthony Alexander, Michael Nailor+

Opening Reflection:

Drew Dorgan offered a prayer for the election.

Candidacy Interview:

The Standing Committee interviewed William Robbins and discerned some of his gifts for ministry. Kate Harrigan moved and Greg Welin seconded the motion to approve Will for candidacy. It passed unanimously. Kate concluded the interview with a sending prayer.

Group Norms:

Drew introduced a set of norms intended to foster respectful communication. She then invited discussion by the committee.

Discussion Items:

The Committee offered consent on the Bishop-Elect for Wyoming, The Rev. Canon Paul-Gordon Chandler. Kate Harrigan moved and Veronica Chappell seconded the motion to consent to the election. It passed unanimously.

Standing Time with our Bishop:

1. Update on Shaped by Faith, with particular attention to the way it is facilitating conversations around the long-term mission and ministry of our diocese.
2. Annual staff reviews are underway.
3. Bishop Scanlan and Veronica Chappell attended the Province 3 Synod online.
4. Deacons have featured prominently in diocesan life, especially during election season.
5. Commission on Ministry recently welcomed 6 new members out of 14 total members. COM members are engaging in formation around Episcopal polity and identity.
6. The Bishop attended a special meeting with the Presiding Bishop's Office re. the bankruptcy of Boy Scouts of America to ensure that appropriate action could be taken by parishes in our diocese.

Closing devotion:

Brief discussion of the film *Otis' Dream*. Closing prayer by Jeff.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom