

Minutes of the Standing Committee

March 3, 2020

Present: Anthony Alexander, Veronica Chappell+, Drew Dorgan, Kathy Hettinga, , Michael Nailor+, Jeff Packard+, Patrick Pierce+, Jim Strader-Sasser+, Greg Welin+, John Wolgemuth and +Audrey Scanlan

Absent: Susan Landin, Nicolette Norris

Opening Reflections and Prayer: Veronica

Bishop Elections

Jim moved and Anthony seconded a motion to approve Craig Loya as Bishop of Minnesota. Passed unanimously.

Appointments to the Board of Trustees

Amy Swiernik and Don Baldwin were approved by a motion made by Patrick and seconded by Greg.

Review of Leadership Retreat Ideas – preview of 3/20/2020 meeting in Lancaster

- Lay licensing for small parishes was discussed.
- Pros and cons of requiring courses for licenses were presented.
- Difference between requirements for preaching and leading Morning Prayer.
- Taking classes or demonstrating competencies
- Liability or accountability for people who use these positions in a poor way
- Extent of authority of lay leaders – in only one context or in convocation-level
- Old licenses based on two-hours training with the Bishop. Holding out the tension between need for licenses and simplicity
- Discernment is a large issue; it goes beyond the categories of the licenses
- Standards for each license
- Prayer in each of our parishes for calling up of leadership
- Adaptive change to say that lay people need competencies to lead worship.
- Recognition that we represent only a small slice of the parishes in the diocese.

“Standing” time with the Bishop:

- “Ride-alongs” – getting people to accompany the Bishop from well-resourced parishes to visit less well-resourced parishes.
- Poor People’s Campaign – The Rev. Beth Hoffman-Reed – meet with small group to see if we can work together. Washington march 6.20.2020
- Coronavirus – Bishop’s letter to the Diocese was commended; emergency coordinator – Ed Robertson - is going to continue to monitor and begin to plan for contingencies.
- Update on disciplinary issues

Veronica moved to adjourn, and Jeff seconded. Unanimous consent.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Church, Camp Hill.