

Minutes of the Standing Committee  
January 5, 2021

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

Absent: Susan Landin

Opening Reflections: Kathy presented a meditation on an artwork, *A Flight by Night* by Henry Ossawa Tanner.

Susan Landin has a new position and has resigned from the Standing Committee. Motion by John and seconded by Kate to approve Laura Gottfried-Letsche of St. Luke's, Altoona for membership. Laura joined our meeting. The Standing Committee introduced ourselves to her.

Bishop-elect for Diocese of Chicago was discussed and upon motion by Drew and seconded by Anthony was approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Time with our Bishop:

- A Title IV case is being investigated in our Diocese. Report will be delivered by the end of the week to those officers as provided for in our canons.
- Two new Vice-Chancellors were appointed for our Diocese.
- Several pastoral concerns were shared.
- Conversation was held about staff safety at the Diocese headquarters. Safety of churches and the health and future of our churches was discussed.
- Collaborative work with the Diocese of Bethlehem was discussed. Broad initial conversations will begin shortly including three members of the Standing Committee.
- Absalom Jones service details are in planning stages. David Hurd from General Seminary will be joining the Diocese for this celebration.

Closing prayer: John

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.