

Minutes Of the Standing Committee
June 4, 2024

Present: +Audrey Scanlan, Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Kevin Barron+, Barbara Cross, Rick Breach, Sarah Reid, Kyle Murphy+, Veronica Chappell+, Bob Davis Jr. Jennifer Mattson+

Absent: Eric Hillegas+, David Luo

Guest: Drew Dorgan and Jim Jenkins

Opening Devotions: Greg opened the meeting with a reading of a prayer called “For A New Beginning”

Report from Reunification Committee: Drew and Jim shared updates on the progress with the reunification process. Drew presented a PowerPoint outlining work done to date, and all the discoveries found through collaboration. If reunification occurs, one of the two Bishop’s will become Bishop, with the other serving as Assisting Bishop, followed by plans for election of a new Bishop. The structure of the regions and how they will be staffed was also addressed. This was followed by a time of questions and answers, as well as discussion. The committee wishes to express our thanks and encouragement to everyone working on the reunification exploration for all their hard work and effort.

Web site for reunification <https://reunificationdiobethdiocpa.org/>

Approval of May Minutes: Will be approved at next meeting, as wrong minutes were distributed by email for evaluation.

Bishop consent vote: Regarding the request for consent for the election of Bishop Elect Phillip N. LaBelle. Veronica moved, Barb second. Consent granted unanimously.

Regarding the request for consent for the election of Bishop Elect Julia E. Whitworth. Kyle moved, Rick second. Consent granted unanimously.

Discussion of possible candidates to fill 2 lay and 2 clergy vacancies on the Standing Committee in October. Deadline to apply is June 18th.

Standing time with the Bishop: Asking for prayers for the work at General Convention, particularly The House of Deputies, and the election of a Presiding Bishop

Rick moved that meeting adjourn

Next Regular Meeting July 2, 2024