

**Minutes Of the Standing Committee
August 6, 2024**

Present: Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Barbara Cross, Sarah Reid, Veronica Chappell+, Bob Davis Jr, Eric Hillegas+, David Luo

Absent: Rick Breach, Kevin Barron+, Kyle Murphy+, Jennifer Mattson+

Opening Devotions:

Greg opened the meeting with a reading from 2 Corinthians, followed by reflection on the transfiguration, and the collect for transfiguration.

Approval of July Minutes:

After motion and second, edited minutes approved unanimously.

Interview: Luke Selles, candidate for priesthood.

Luke discussed their ministry in the diaconate, parish experience, and how their ministry has taken shape, both in parish ministry and wider community involvement, particularly in the area of creation care, and dismantling racism efforts. Luke shared some hopes and highlights of how their ministry as a priest will look, and emphasized how the power of prayer is especially meaningful. After some time for questions and answers with the committee, Eric offered prayers for the candidate, and they were released for committee discussion and vote. Barb motion, Veronica second, candidate was approved to move forward for ordination.

New Business:

Eric will facilitate September's meeting, if Greg must be absent.

Rick Breach is recovering from a stroke.

Standing Committee will need both a president and secretary after elections at convention.

Next Regular Meeting September 3