

## **Minutes Of the Standing Committee July 2, 2024**

**Present:** +Audrey Scanlan, Gregory Welin+, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Barbara Cross, Sarah Reid, Kyle Murphy+, Veronica Chappell+, Bob Davis Jr. Jennifer Mattson+, Eric Hillegas+

**Absent:** Rick Breach, Kevin Barron+, David Luo.

**Opening Devotions:** Veronica opened the meeting with a reflection on visions and conversations with Jesus, using text from I Am With You: The Notebooks of Nicole Gausseron.

**Approval of May and June Minutes:**

All minutes were accepted unanimously, following motion and second.

**Interview:**

Ivan Ruiz-Swartz, Candidate for Holy Orders

Ivan gave the committee a brief personal history, and some of his formation journey. He spent some time discussing his path, and how his education has brought him to this point in Anglican studies, and his transition from the Catholic church to the Episcopal church. He also detailed some of his hopes for his continued education and Sewanee. After a period of discussion and questions from the committee, Eric prayed over the candidate, and he was released for the committee to have time for discussion and vote. Bob moved, Barb second – candidate was passed forward unanimously.

**New Business:**

Greg and his wife will be moving out of the diocese and he will no longer be able to be president of the Standing Committee, after September. As it is customary, a new president is elected in October after convention.

Discussion of candidates to be presented for election to SC at convention in October.

Reports from the General Convention, Jennifer discussed highlights from her experience, and how she was impacted by much of what happened there, particularly in the House of Deputies. Sarah added her comments on experiences, as well, despite dealing with Covid during the proceedings.

Audrey added comments, particularly about youth presence from our diocese, and how they participated, with absolute pride for their accomplishments.

Discussed also the Presiding Bishop's revival and mentioned Bradley Mattson's+ contributions. Barb asked about the election of the new Presiding Bishop, and Audrey filled us in on his history and his journey and added the possibility for changes in the future.

**Standing time with the Bishop:**

Audrey will be having surgery in November, and it will keep her from driving for three months. Nicole is working with the schedule to keep visitations and office business going on as best possible.

Vacation plans, end of July, to third week of August.

Town Hall meetings regarding reunification progress.

Convention in October will be joint with both dioceses.

Continuing discussion around all the issues regarding the reunification process, especially as things progress into the future.

Greg closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next Regular Meeting August 6, 2024 (TBA)**