

Minutes Of the Standing Committee
May 7, 2024

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

Absent: Jennifer Mattson+, David Luo

Opening Devotions: Barb opened the meeting with a reflection on Love as it pertains to our faith, followed by prayer.

New Business: Will be meeting next Tuesday at 1:00 for the interview with Kevin Lowe, as he is unavailable at the time of this meeting.

Discussion of issues surrounding access of materials from COM, and how this can be resolved, as most members are not able to read candidate information prior to interviews.

Four members will be cycling off in October, (2 clergy, two lay positions) so we need to begin the process to get new people on board to apply to run for election at convention.

Discussion regarding the news from the United Methodist Church centering on whether or not to go forward with being in full communion.

Approval of April Minutes: Minutes were approved with correction, after motion and second.

Interviews: Lisa Work

Lisa answered questions from the committee focusing on highlights and meaningful things from her time as a Transitional Deacon, and shared stories and experiences that have stood out to her during her this process. Lisa shared hopes and plans for her future as a priest, as well as some challenges she may face. Greg offered a prayer over the candidate, and she was released to give the time for formulation of feedback. Motion from Eric, Sarah 2nd, and candidate was passed forward for ordination to the priesthood.

Bishop consent vote: Regarding the request for Consent for the election of a Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of West Texas. After motion and second, unanimous vote to give our consent.

Kevin will get docusign information to all members present today to affirm our vote on the candidate interviewed today.

Next Regular Meeting June 4, 2024

Special Meeting – Due to candidate availability, the Committee is meeting on May 14th to interview Kevin Lowe for ordination to the priesthood.

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Absent: David Luo

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Kevin Lowe gave us a brief update on how his journey as a deacon is progressing, and some of the highlights in his experience, as well as how it will pertain to his ministry as a priest. He also discussed some perceived challenges in his ministry, and how he handles them. This was followed by a period of questions and answers from the committee. Veronica offered prayer over the candidate, and he was released to give time for committee discussion and feedback formulation.

Barb moved, Rick second, Candidate was passed forward unanimously. Kevin will be sending out the docusign form for the committee to approve.

After a motion from Bob, and second from Kevin, meeting was adjourned.