

Minutes Of the Standing Committee September 3, 2024

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

Absent: David Luo, Barb Cross, Sarah Reid

Opening Devotions:

Greg opened the minutes with a reading from Corinthians, followed by the collect for Labor Day

Approval of August Minutes:

Minutes will be approved through email.

Discussion of Agreement of Union to be presented at convention

Bishop Audrey presented statements regarding how the reunification resolutions will be presented to both dioceses at convention, and how the year 2025 would be a year of transition. Regarding the document itself, the committee then had time for discussion, questions, and clarification.

Bob moved, Veronica second, that that the Standing Committee agrees to act as sponsor for the resolution, once final clarification been made prior to convention. Motion passed.

Also discussed the process to determine who will be the Bishop of the reunified diocese, and who will be the Assistant Bishop. This vote would take place at the 2025 convention. Questions included staffing issues across both dioceses.

New Business:

Greg will have moved to CT before convention, so that he will no longer be president of the Standing Committee and resigns effective September 3, 2024. Eric offers to step in effective September 3, 2024, until convention, at which time, a new president can be elected from the new body. A secretary will also have to be elected at that time.

From Bob: I move that the members of the committee vote to express appreciation to Fr. Greg Welin for his devoted, inspiring, patient leadership of the committee. All on the committee concurred.

Standing Time With The Bishop:

Discussed a non-partisan pastoral letter addressing the chaotic times surrounding this election cycle, utilizing input from the committee. Optimal timing would indicate early October.

Rick moved, Veronica second, for adjournment.
All approved.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2024