

Minutes Of the Standing Committee
March 5, 2024

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

Absent: Jennifer Mattson+

Guest: Drew Dorgan

Opening Devotions: Eric opened the meeting with a reflection on Lent, and prayer.

New Business:

Presentation by Drew Dorgan from the Reunification Discernment Committee. Including the processes and data collection methods up to now. Discussion of how the two dioceses are collaborating already. Looking at drawing up models for the future and hoping to present at the next convention, including financial considerations, and how the canons can work together. The vote as to whether we want to transition can take place this fall, but it would take time to work out the plans for transition.

Vote on Property matter from St. John's Lancaster

Seeking approval of line of credit for their improvement project and capital campaign. The finance committee has reviewed and approved the proposal. David moved, Eric second, proposal passed.

Vote to consent to elections of bishops - Dorothy Sanders Wells as Bishop of Mississippi, and Kara Wagner Sherer as Bishop of Rochester.

After motion and second, both candidates were given Standing Committee consent.

Standing Time with The Bishop:

Discussion of Safe Church requirements. Only two clergy members are outstanding, with requirements yet to be fulfilled.

Discussion on diocesan budget, and fair share calculation and fulfillment, having reached out to congregations who are in arrears. Parishes who do not fulfill their obligation are at risk of imperilment.

As of yesterday, 20 parishes are missing parochial reports, along with their fair share pledge. Discussion of deadlines, and what can be done to streamline things.

Highlights of House of Bishops meeting.

Vote to approve January minutes with correction, passed after motion and second.

Greg closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2024