

Standing Committee
March 22, 2011
Minutes

Attendance: Skip Coburn, Todd Eller, Nan Haynes, Shariya Mologeda, Kitty Hillquist, Lynette Ballard, Sally Weaver, Randy Mariani, Joe Chambers, Dan Handschy, Dan Smith

1. Mission Planning groups met during lunch.
2. Joe Chambers called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm. Dan Smith opened the meeting with prayer.
3. Approval of February minutes, m/Handschy, s/Eller, carried.
4. Housekeeping: Next month, standing committee time changes to afternoon – 3:30 to 6:00 pm. No meal included.
5. Bishops concerns. Not present.
6. Ecclesiastical Acts: none.
7. Approval of Bylaws: none.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Evaluation of Leadership conference. We should start planning for next year now. Several people have expressed interest. 32 Evaluations turned in. Joe tabulated responses; will be useful for planning next year. General agreement that discussion was lively. Time well spent. Agenda should be clear. Time frame/schedule – always an issue. Vestry conference? Should that be separate from Leadership conference?
 - b. Committee for next year: Todd Eller, Lynette Ballard, Nan Haynes, Kitty Hillquist(?). First Saturday in March.
9. New Business
 - a. Suzanne Wolfenbarger – consent to ordination to the priesthood. M/Handschy, s/Ballard. An explanation of the process followed for new members of the Standing Committee. Carried.
 - b. Marc Smith – consent to ordination to the priesthood. m/Eller, s. Ballard. Carried.
 - c. John Stratton and Elizabeth Simpson have been approved for postulancy (John for priesthood, Elizabeth for deacon). We will see them for approval to candidacy.

- d. Conflict of Interest Policy and form. Dan Smith changed the one from COEDMO. Is it clear, or too much? Does it take in the example of a congregation asking to renegotiate a White Fund Loan, should a parishioner of the congregation recuse themselves from the discussion, or a candidate from a particular congregation, should a member of the congregation on SC recuse themselves?
 - i. Lynette recommends tabling. A subcommittee might meet. A simpler statement might be made. Weaver, Mariani, Handschy will review.
- e. Standing Committee meeting sites – alternatives. History – rotating sites until about a year ago.
 - i. Benefits of rotating? Learning a little about host congregation. Benefits of St. Martin's – easy to get to, no driving after dark.
 - ii. A couple of meetings during the summer on the road? June in Jefferson City. June 28. Maybe also August, but we'll see how June goes. St. Francis', Eureka in October.
- f. Summary report on Columbia Hope. – executive session.

10. Mission Planning Group Reports

- a. For the Life of the World. Parish Nursing initiative. Handschy explained that he will try to gather representatives of congregations interested in pursuing parish nursing and options for funding to put together a diocesan-wide group. May ask Standing Committee at some point for Diocesan Related Organization status. Bishop Smith is aware of this.
- b. Building Congregations.
- c. Making Disciples. Lenten study booklet.

11. Members' Concerns.

- a. Multi year lease at St. Francis'. Needs chancellor's approval first. Should be coming soon.
- b. The Steve Lawler thing. Steve called Post Dispatch and asked them not to run the story – they moved it to the front page. All is calm, now. Learning – don't announce your Lenten discipline in the newspaper.

12. Adjournment. m/ Haynes, s/Eller. Carried. Adjourned 2:38 pm.