

Standing Committee  
25 October 2011  
Minutes

Attendance: Todd Eller, Kitty Hillquist, Sally Weaver, Nan Haynes, Shariya Molegeda, Michael Reiser, Lynette Ballard, Joe Chambers, Dan Handschy, Dan Smith, Bishop Smith.

Joe Chambers called meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

1. Michael Reiser prayed.

2. Approval of minutes: 27 September 2011. m/Eller, s/Reiser, carried.

3. Housekeeping: extra agenda items to be added at housekeeping of meeting, rather than having Robin resend agenda.

Standing Committee's next meeting is at Convention, after election of new members. We will meet in the third floor conference room.

4. Bishop's Concerns.

House of Bishops meeting at Quito. The bishops issued a pastoral teaching (not letter) on global climate change. This can be used as a study guide in congregations, but is not intended to be read from the pulpit. Bishop Stacy Sauls, new operations officer of the Episcopal Church, presented about reconfiguring the Church. His presentation can be found online (Google "Bishop Stacy Saul's PowerPoint"). Scaling back of governance of Church. More nimble and responsive. GC every four or five years. Would take a special General Convention. Can only be called by a majority of House of Bishops. Networking, not staffing.

5. Ecclesiastical Acts.

a. Nomination for Bishop; diocese of Atlanta.

Anyone interested? Fifth largest diocese. No takers.

b. Consent to the election of John Sloan, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Alabama.

m/Reiser, s/Eller, no discussion. Carried.

6. Approval of Bylaws. None

7. Old Business.

a. Leadership Conference. How to go forward? ESM doesn't want to join in this with us? Need to have marketing match what we do. All kinds of leadership (worship, etc.), or more vestry focused? Fiduciary responsibility (what comes to Standing Committee), parochial reports, treasurers, vestry responsibility, communications, when the church is landlord.

Start planning in earnest at December meeting (select topics beforehand).

b. Old North St. Louis Restoration. Bishop filled us in on this. Wants to appoint a steering committee before convention, who brings energy and/or expertise. Not hiring a consultant. Episcopal Service Corps house – what will this look like? Resolution of support out

of Bishop's Report would be helpful. Dan Handschy will take point on this. Anyone interested in crafting resolution in response be in touch with Dan. Sally Weaver will help.

c. St. Charles. Dan Handschy forgot to contact Tamsen. 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a week from Saturday.

d. Any continuing conversation about grants from White Fund. Bishop would like a concrete proposal. Countervailing goods: preserve the corpus, and give grants – can't do both perfectly. We need to revisit policy. We are asking Joe to appoint a small task force to work with bishop to review policies.

## 8. New Business.

a. Written convention report. Work on video presentation has begun. Joe will introduce us. General discussion about convention, PB, etc.

b. Parish Nursing. Dan Handschy talked about a meeting with Teresa Mithen, Deb Goldfeder, and others about a Diocesan Related Organization under Standing Committee to raise money for parish nursing. Very much part of "For the Life of the World." Dan Handschy will get a group together to meet with Bishop, and come back to Standing Committee when something needs done.

## 9. Mission planning.

Dreaming. What does accountability look like? Standing Committee liaisons with other groups in the Diocese: School for Ministry, Commission on Ministry. December meeting – not so much orientation; spend our time dreaming, looking forward. Do orientation with oncoming members, maybe the same day as December meeting. What we want to accomplish this year.

Oasis, Commission on Ministry, Episcopal School for Ministry, ECM, Campus Chaplaincy, Anything Bishop is president of board of. Strengthen bonds of affiliation. It would be good for St. Luke's and St. Andrew's to hear from us.

## 10. Member's Concern.

Will Bishop Stephen and Lillian be able to make it Convention? Bishop is hopeful. Off going members thanked the Committee for the fun.

Emily McNeil moving to Baton Rouge.

Amy Chambers-Cortright stepping down as chair of Commission on Ministry.

## 11. Adjournment.

Joe adjourned us at 2:30. Bishop blessed us.