

**Standing Committee Meeting
December 10, 2019
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman, WI**

Attendees: Celia Fine, The Rev Andy Jones, The Rev Scott Leannah, The Rev. Gary Manning, Sheryl Slocum, The Rev. Jana Troutman Miller, Marcus White

Excused: Tammy Prather

6:10 p.m., Opening Prayer: Jones

Approval of Minutes

Approved with corrected spelling of Ann Hallisey's name in the minutes from 10/8/19

Interviews with individuals in the ordination process:

- Esther Kramer (priesthood) interviewed via Zoom; will finish a 1-year Anglican Studies program at VTS in May; has completed anti-racism training, multicultural training, and CPE; will take GOEs in January; does not have a proctor yet.
- Kirsten Guidero (priesthood) interviewed via Zoom; has completed Ember Day letters and Constitution & Canons; will take GOEs in January; will be in CPE this coming summer.
- Bramwell Richards (diaconate) interviewed in person; Leannah explained the SC's role in Richards' process. Richards stated that Deacon Kiss said she believes everything is complete; his mentor is Deacon Kathy Millikin; he feels called to jail ministry and may do an internship at the women's prison in Fond du Lac; he may continue to help out at his CPE site (Three Pillars in Dousman); he is the electronic services librarian at Nashotah House; he is currently serving at St. Paul's Watertown, but his sending parish is at Zion Oconomowoc.

After the interviews a motion was made to approve all 3 for candidacy. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to consent to the election of the Rev. Susan B. Haynes as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Reports:

- Leannah: The Search Committee membership is set. Leannah thanks Jones for his assistance with communications. The SC thanks both Jones and Leannah for their timely notifications. The Bishop's counsel of advice was that Ian Burch and Jan Watters to be the Co-Chairs. They agreed. The Search Committee Retreat will be from 5p.m., January 4 through 5 p.m., Jan. 5. The SC assumes Prather is planning to attend as our liaison. The first alternates are being held in abeyance; if someone has to drop out the alternate will take his/her place.

- Leannah sent a letter to the Bishop confirming his separation package. The Executive Council was cc'd. At the EC meeting, Leannah clarified with them that they are expected locate the funds for the separation package.
- Leannah reported property for sale in the diocese: Janesville – Lazarus House, a fixer-upper in an area where people are fixing up old houses; Kenosha – St. Matthew's (church and rectory); St. Luke's – Whitewater (the deal was pending but fell through); St. Nicholas – Racine remains on land contract (the SC agreed that the Bishop will sign the contract). The EC's agenda included an item that the president of the SC be allowed to be a signer on behalf of the diocese. Leannah reminded them that any sales are subject to consultation with the SC. After some discussion at the EC, the Bishop assured Leannah that he will come to the SC about the sale of properties. Another church is interested in purchasing St. Andrew's.

New Business

- Calendar for the election of our next bishop – Leannah went over his draft of an Election Calendar. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the calendar is reasonable, and the SC would like to adopt it without amendment. Leannah will send it to Hallisey and will notify the Bishop that he should cancel the Presiding Bishop's projected visitation date.
- Jones stated that Miranda Hassett asked if deputees to diocesan convention would also serve as deputees to the election convention. Jones reminded that our Constitution and Canons don't specify how this should be done, just that the SC sets up the process. After discussion, it was agreed that the deputees wouldn't be elected until 2021, giving us time to iron out the process. Leannah will lay out our process and the Election Timeline to EC, explaining that this is how we're going about Canon 16. It will be up to EC to approve the protocol.
- Leannah stated that he has a call in to Bishop Ousley to help clarify some of our questions/concerns.

Our next meeting will be on January 14.

Closing prayer: Slocum