

**Standing Committee Meeting**  
**May 12, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Celia Fine, The Rev Andy Jones, The Rev Scott Leannah, The Rev. Gary Manning, Tammy Prather, Sheryl Slocum, The Rev. Jana Troutman-Miller

Guest: The Rev. Dr. Ann Hallisey

Excused: Marcus White

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Andy Jones

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not ready for the meeting but are in process

Search Committee Update

(The Search Committee's report on the history of the past three episcopates in the Diocese of Milwaukee was shared with members of the SC online prior to this meeting)

Members of the SC shared their reactions to the report

Hallisey provided perspective based on her knowledge and experience

Discussion followed with consensus that hiring a provisional bishop will help us as a diocese discover who we are so that we can be deliberate in our search for the next bishop

Prather asked what the Search Committee should do with their Zoom account now that their work is finished. It was agreed that they can turn it in so that the Diocese can recoup the money for the unused portion of the year.

Response to the Bishop's and Standing Committee's letters to the diocese

The consensus was that no one has heard negative responses; some people expressed curiosity about when and how the next bishop will be elected, but they seem to understand the reasons for engaging a provisional bishop

Hallisey sent a copy of the letters as well as the Search Committee report to Bishop Ousley with Leannah's approval – all agreed that this was good

News article about our election plans that was published without SC knowledge

Troutman-Miller drafted an explanatory letter to the Dioceses of Eau Claire and Fond du Lac, who were mentioned in the article; all approved of the letter

Diocesan Convention

Presiding Bishop Curry will not come to our convention

Conversation is ongoing about whether a virtual convention will be canonically correct

Executive Council will take care of this

Leannah will mention to the Vice-Chair of the EC that someone needs to be responsible for organizing the farewell for Bishop Miller, and the Retirement Committee will need to

know when that celebration is to be held

New/Other Business

Hallisey suggested that Leannah may want to talk with Bishop Ousley before the next SC meeting; all agreed that this is a good idea

Jones asked how we will go about finding a new Chancellor for the diocese, and what criteria will be used in the search. This is a subject Leannah can raise with Bishop Ousley. In addition, Liz Orelup may be able to help with this. Manning will reach out to his friend, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Georgia, to learn what criteria were used when he became Chancellor.

Closing prayer: Slocum