

As the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin, We Will Call and Equip Laity and Clergy to Bring People to and Disciple Them in a Saving Relationship with Jesus Christ

Standing Committee Minutes

February 19, 2022

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members Present: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Mr. David Chambers (2023), Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Dcn. Chuck Kendall (2025), Mr. Bruce Hunter (2022), Dcn. Lee Johnson (2022), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023)

Staff and Permanent Guests: Ms. Christina Pestana, Secretary, Canon David Francis, Treasurer

Regrets: Bishop Eric Menees was away on Provincial business; Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024) was unable to attend.

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Mr. Chambers

2. Agenda Approval Mr. Chambers
Motion to approve agenda: Mr. Hunter
2nd: Dcn. Lee Johnson
Motion carried

3. Bible Study Dcn. Arbegast
Dcn. Leslie shared from a small group study from Fr. Mark Hall, based on the book *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. She shared from Romans 8:1-4 “So now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...” We discussed evaluation vs. judgment. We always must take the log out of our own eye first before trying to remove the speck in others’ eyes.

4. Minutes of January Meeting Ms. Pestana
Motion to approve January minutes: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
2nd: Mr. Wagner
Motion carried

5. Financials Cn. Francis
 - a. Financial Reports: January 2022
Tithes are a bit late this month which affects the income.
Motion to approve January financials: Dcn. Lee Johnson
2nd: Mr. Hunter
Motion carried

 - b. Written reports for publication: January 2022
Motion to approve budget narrative: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
2nd: Paul Wagner
Motion carried

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c. End of Year Report 2021 (update)

The 2021 end of year financial report will be shared with the Standing Committee after our bookkeeper returns from vacation.

6. Mission/Ministry Grant - Ascension

Cn. Francis

Motion: Dcn. Lee

2nd: Bruce Hunter

Motion Carried

Ms. Pestana will submit a check request for the grant.

7. Travel Guidelines

Ms. Pestana

The Committee reviewed the draft travel guidelines and made a few suggestions for changes, including: a) ensuring the word “guidelines” replaces “policy” throughout the document, b) instructing the traveler to rental car insurance through the rental agency, c) add reimbursement of meals up to \$75/day with receipts, d) add “Checks should be issued within 7 business days after the check request and receipts are approved for reimbursement.”

8. Ministry Safe & Compliance

Ms. Pestana

Approximately 50% of clergy background checks and trainings through MinistrySafe are completed. Costs for background checks will be billed back to churches or paid for directly by clergy through the self-pay link provided. Churches will need to have their staff and children/youth workers complete a Level 1 or 2 background check as well. This would be a huge burden to administrate at the diocesan level. Diocese can handle the clergy checks but rectors should manage the checks and trainings of their own staff and volunteers. We will need to share with the chancellor what are the risks and liability associated with this.

9. Bishop’s Report - Written

Bp. Menees

10. Deanery Reports

SC Members

Closing Prayer – Eternal God and Heavenly Father, bless the Diocese of San Joaquin. Inspire us and strengthen our bonds to you and one another. Help us to witness to the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that with Godly love, patience, and zeal we may win many hearts to the Truth once delivered. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Next Meeting – March 19, 2022