

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

January 15, 2022

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members: 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), Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024)

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

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome of new Members Bp. Menees
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion: Dcn Chuck
Second: Mr. Hunter
Motion carried
3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
John 2:1-11 “Do whatever He [Jesus] tells you.” Mary’s words to the disciples. Best counsel we can hear. If everyone followed this command, the world would be totally changed. If we go to Jesus, He desires to help—in the little things and the big things.
4. Minutes of November Meeting Ms. Pestana
Motion: Mr. Hunter
Second: Fr. Raines
Motion carried
5. Financials Mr. Francis
 - a. Financial Reports: November 2021
 - b. Written reports for publication: November 2021
 - c. Financial Reports: December 2021

We will send out a P & L for the Jan-Dec 2021

Dave will work with the accountant to move the \$150,000 into the right place on the December 2021 P & L.

- d. Written reports for publication: December 2021
Will change make a minor change to the Dec 2021 Budget Narrative, replacing the word “practical” in place of “technical.”

Cn. Francis pointed out that we will need to keep our eye on travel costs this year. Christina will share a draft travel guidelines document with the Executive Committee. Once approved, it will be included in the Rector & Warden’s Manual.

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Motion to receive January financials: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
Second: Ms. Karlyne
Motion carried

Motion to receive the budget narrative with amendment in wording to the 1st paragraph: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast
Second: Mr. Wagner
Motion carried

- e. Update on changing banks Ms. Pestana
The steps on our end have been completed for Fictitious Business Name. Week of January 17th we will call the County Clerk for the final approval to move forward with Central Valley Community Bank.
6. St. Jude Tehachapi Loan Request Bp. Menees
Background: They left their church early on after the separation from TEC, and began to use Mountain View Valley Baptist, then moved back to St. Jude's after a Hispanic church purchased the building. But they could not afford the rent and his salary at the same time, so he is bi-vocational. Now they want to purchase the property (the Hispanic church folded).

Questions were asked and answered in detail regarding the 2021 P & L, 2022 Budget and other documents. Cn. Francis requested additional financial data, including the 2021 end of year Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. Pat will provide these on Monday for review and pass along to the Standing Committee.

Appraisal: Fr. Wes said that WIF does not require a formal appraisal. They base the value off of the local housing market. St. Jude's has funds for an appraisal.
Loan Amount: \$320,000
Down Payment: \$80,000 (already in hand)
Closing Costs: \$10,000 (already in hand)

Motion put forth:

“The Standing Committee of the ADSJ meeting online to vote to approve St. Jude's, Tehachapi request to take a loan from Wesleyan Investment Foundation in the amount of \$320,000 for the purchase of a building, in recognition that the total sale price is \$400,000 with \$80,000 down payment, and an assumed property assessment of \$600,000.”

Moved: Fr. Carlos

Second: Dcn. Lee

Motion carried (Vote conducted on 1/17/22 via email.)

Additional Updates on Church Buildings (other congregations):

Christ the King, Ridgecrest: A member who had deceased had left a bequest worth \$250,000. They will continue with a capital campaign to give the members a sense of stewardship and ownership, but they are doing well financially. Christ the King will receive chairs from Holy Cross, Sanger.

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Christ Church, Oakhurst: They are building a structure, but are not taking a loan to do this (they have the funds already). In this case, they do not need Standing Committee approval.

St. Paul's, Visalia: Plans to use the \$4.5 million on hand to finance the building project. If they need additional support, they received an offer for a \$500,000 private loan. At that point they would come to the Standing Committee for approval.

7. Vestry Retreat Feb 25-27 Bp. Menees
All churches are strongly encouraged to send vestry members to the retreat.

8. Background Checks and Training: Status Update Ms. Pestana
An audit is in process for clergy Live Scan, MinistrySafe training and OxfordDoc background checks. We will also be working to ensure churches assign church safety point person to manage and monitor congregation-level live scans and trainings (for lay leaders and those serving in certain roles outlined in the ADSJ policy). The diocesan guidelines will be updated to include CA law AB506 requirements. They will be given to Church Mutual and the Diocesan Chancellor for review. The Youth Camping Ministry, which is launching this year will need to have all these pieces in place.

9. Bishop's Report Bp. Menees
Bishop Menees' brother Ken died unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan 8th, and the funeral arrangements are being made. Please pray for Ken's widow and three children. Other events and updates from the past two months were reviewed.

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 – February 19, 2022