

*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

March 19, 2022

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members Present: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Mr. David Chambers (2023) - Vice President, 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, Canon David Francis, Treasurer

Regrets: Mr. Paul Wagner (2025)

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer Bp. Menees
  
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees  
Motion: Carlos  
2nd: Bruce Hunter  
Motion carried
  
3. Bible Study Bp. Menees  
The study was taken from Luke 13. Is God's anger the source of suffering? No. God's says "I love you more than you can imagine and I will never leave you nor forsake you." God is with us in our suffering. Why does Jesus teach repentance? We must come to a point where we recognize that we are sinners in need of a savior. Repentance is when Jesus says "Welcome home."
  
4. Minutes of February Meeting Ms. Pestana  
Motion to approve minutes as amended: Dcn Chuck  
2nd: Bruce Hunter  
Motion carried
  
5. Financials Cn. Francis
  - a. Bookkeeper transition
  - b. Financial Reports: February 2022  
Motion to approve financial reports: Dcn. Lee Johnson  
2nd: Mrs. Karlyne Paul  
Motion carried
  
  - c. Written reports for publication: February 2022  
Motion to approve financial reports: Mr. Dave Chambers  
2nd: Dcn. Chuck Kendall  
Motion carried

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6. Bank move update (Central Valley Community Bank) Ms. Pestana  
Time has elapsed and CVCB needs us to re-sign for the accounts. The banker at CVCB is aware of the bookkeeper transition. CVCB will hold the accounts at zero with no fees for us while we make the transition over from Wells Fargo.

7. Mission/Ministry Grant - St. Nicholas Atwater Bp. Menees  
Ministry grant application made for Missional Marketing .  
Motion: The ministry grant subcommittee motioned to grant the \$2,000.  
2nd. Dcn. Chuck Kendall  
Motion carried

Christina will submit a check request for the approved \$2,000 grant to St. Nicholas Atwater.

8. St. Matthias Oakdale building purchase Bp. Menees  
Motion: Dave Chambers moved to approve the request for St. Matthias to be encumbered by the loan as presented.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dcn. Lee Johnson  
Motion carried

9. Emmanuel Church building & Diocesan Office proposal Fr. Lawson  
Fr. Lawson gave a presentation on a building located in downtown Fresno that Emmanuel Anglican Church will potentially purchase. Photos were provided and a “tour” given virtually. The proposal being put forth to Standing Committee is two-fold: 1) Emmanuel Anglican will need to enter into a process for permission to be encumbered; 2) The Diocese is invited to move its offices here and its monthly contribution for rent will enable the payment of the mortgage. A thorough financial review will need be undertaken by Cn. Francis and the Standing Committee. Escrow closes on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The inspection has been completed and now specialists will come in to look at the specific areas that need upgrading or to handle deferred maintenance. Purchase price is \$1.9 million. Price per sq. foot is \$1.50. The zoning is quite good. Can be a church for up to 2,000 people, convention space, single or multi-family housing, nursery care, women’s shelter, etc. The appraisal will be submitted to Emmanuel by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The purchase would still require a diocesan-wide capital campaign to build out the existing warehouse portion of the building for a permanent worship space.

10. Travel Guidelines - Review and Approval Ms. Pestana  
Changes were made to the guidelines per the Standing Committee’s suggestions.  
Motion to approve the Diocesan Travel Guidelines: Dcn. Chuck Kendall  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Fr. Carlos Raines  
Motion carried

11. MinistrySafe & Compliance Ms. Pestana

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An update on clergy compliance was made and discussion held. From this point forward, the vocations and clergy on-boarding process will utilize the MinistrySafe background check (Level 5 or 6) in place of OxfordDoc, and will institute a reference check and questionnaire process through the Diocese.

12. 5 Year Strategic Plan

Bp. Menees

Bishop Eric would like to develop a 5-year strategic plan through a sub-committee of the Standing Committee with the Deans and a professional consultant. This will be a one-year to two-year process. Bishop Eric would like to present an outline of the strategic plan at 2022 Convention. Mrs. Karlyn Paul, Dave Chambers and Bruce Hunter agreed to serve as lay representatives.

Shorter term goals may include a capital campaign for a building and development of funding for a full-time position for a Canon to the Ordinary.

13. Bishop's Report - Written

Bp. Menees

Bishop Eric verbally reported two important upcoming trips in May. He is currently overseeing three churches in the state of Veracruz. He will go to Veracruz the first weekend of May on behalf of the ACNA Border Bishops group. He will visit Uganda in May for the consecration and enthronement of the incoming Bishop of our sister diocese, Diocese of Kigezi.

14. Deanery Reports

SC Members

Deanery reports were presented.

*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 – April 16, 2022 (Holy Saturday)