

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

October 16, 2021
Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Mr. David Chambers (2023), Mr. Steve McCalley (2021), Fr. Cameron Lemons (2021), Dcn. Lee Johnson (2022), Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024)

Absent: Mr. Bruce Hunter (2022)

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

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome Bp. Menees
2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion to approve October agenda: Dcn. Leslie
Second: Dcn. Lee
Motion carried
3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
Mark 10:35-45. Jesus ministered through humility and service. We are to ask not “what’s in it for me?” or “how does it affect me?” but to ask God how can I serve you Lord?
4. Minutes of September Meeting Ms. Pestana
Motion to approve September meeting: Dave Chambers
Second: Fr. Carlos
Motion carried
5. Financials Mr. Francis
 - a. Financial Reports: September 2021
Financial reports and budget notes were reviewed. Church Mutual billing department sent wrong billing amounts and it should be cleared up. We had a 7% increase on workman’s comp rates, which is a normal increase.

Dave Francis asked Vicky to take the reserve funds and move them into their targeted accounts.

Motion to receive September financials for audit: Steve McCulley
Second: Dcn. Lee
Motion carried
 - b. Written reports for publication: September 2021

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Motion to approve written report for posting: Dcn. Leslie

Second: Steve McCulley

Motion carried

- c. Update on changing banks Ms. Pestana
We are moving forward with changing banks. We will keep the ADHC funds in Wells Fargo until the final audit of ADHC related to the TEC lawsuit is complete.

6. 2020 Audit report recommendations and actions Mr. Francis
We received suggestions from the audit to ensure best practices for operations and reviewed the processes in place to address these.

7. Insurance Requirements for Congregations Mr. Francis
The insurance policies we've had currently include Directors & Operators, multi-peril and commercial umbrella. If a church does not own any real property, they only need to have coverage for items owned. Currently, items (vestments, pews, etc.) you are required to have a policy for every location where these are kept. The diocesan umbrella policy through Church Mutual automatically requires a \$10,000 policy. For St. Martens, the underwriter agreed to reduce this to \$5,000. St. Mary the Virgin has a similar situation. Once the lawsuit with Antonio is completed, we can move to an affinity policy instead of an umbrella policy.

8. Ministry Grant Requests Bp. Menees
 - a. St. Paul's, Visalia
Two-year grant request (\$10/yr) to renew camping ministry in the diocese. Looking to partner with St. Paul's, the Diocese and Camp San Joaquin committee to provide scholarships for camps and coordinate this ministry.

Committee moved to grant a \$10,000 grant for 2022 for St. Paul's.
Second: Dcn. Lee
Motion carried
Christina to complete a \$10,000 check request for St. Visalia

 - b. Caminemos Juntos
Committee moved to award \$2,000 grant to Caminemos Juntos/
Greenhouse Movement.
Second: Fr. Carlos
Motion carried
Christina to complete a \$2,000 check request for Greenhouse Movement.

 - c. Ascension, Bakersfield
Committee moved to award \$1,500 grant to Ascension
Second: Steve McCulley
Motion carried
Christina to complete a \$1,500 check request for Ascension Bakersfield.

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For these funds, \$10,500 will be taken first from the 2021 budget; the remaining will come from the mission fund reserve.

9. Background Check and Training Proposal Ms. Pestana
Ms. Pestana shared the recommended updates to the Rector and Warden Handbook now. We will write a formal policy to share at the December Standing Committee meeting. After review and approval, it will be recommended as a diocesan policy to the deaneries for the 90-day review and comment period.

Motion to add clarification to background check and trainings to R & W Manual immediately: Steve McCulley

Second: Fr. Carlos

Motion carried

Motion to formally adopt and approve a Background Checks & Training policy at Dec 2021 Standing Committee meeting.

Motion moved: Dcn. Leslie

Second: Mrs. Karlyne Paul

Motion carried

Bp. Eric Menees plans to appoint Fr. Jim Snell as Diocesan Investigator to follow up on accusations determined as credible by the Bishop. This will provide an additional measure of protection for the Bishop, the accused, and the Diocese.

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| 10. Diocesan Convention Update | Bp. Menees |
| 11. Bishop's Report | Bp. Menees |
| 12. Deanery Reports | SC Members |

Motion to end the meeting following the closing prayer: Mrs. Karlyn Paul

Second: Steve McCulley

Motion carried

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 – November 20, 2021