

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

September 18, 2021

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Mr. David Chambers (2023), Fr. Cameron Lemons (2021), Mr. Bruce Hunter (2022), Dcn. Lee Johnson (2022), Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mr. David Francis, Treasurer, Ms. Christina Pestana, Secretary

Absent: Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024), Mr. Steve McCalley (2021)

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome Bp. Menees

2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion: L. Johnson
Second: B. Hunter
Approved

3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
Gospel reading for Proper 20 (Mark 9:30-37)

4. Minutes of June and August Meetings Ms. Pestana
Amended: Remove item “b” from June minutes (a duplicate of item “a”).

Motion to approve June minutes: C. Raines
Second: D. Chambers
Approved as amended

Motion to approve August minutes: L. Johnson
Second: B. Hunter
Approved

5. Financials Mr. Francis
a. Financial Reports: June, July and August 2021

Motion to receive the financials for audit: L. Johnson
Second: B. Hunter
Approved

b. Written reports for publication: June, July and August
Amendment to August budget summary notes: Cash on hand is actually \$41,018.29 (a difference of \$164.00 over previously written August notes).

Motion to approve budget notes for June: B. Hunter
Second: C. Raines

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Approved

Motion to approve budget notes for July: L. Johnson
Second: C. Raines
Approved

Motion to approve August budget notes for August as amended: B. Hunter
Second: L. Johnson
Approved as amended

The 2020 audit report was received by Linger, Peterson and Schrum. At the October Standing Committee meeting, Mr. Francis will present the audit report, along with suggestions from our auditors and how we are implementing these.

- c. Proposal to change banks Ms. Pestana
The diocese office is no longer satisfied with using Wells Fargo due to customer service problems. These include inordinate amounts of time to complete necessary administrative transactions, long waits in line, and the lack of a business banker assigned to handle our account. The Diocese proposes to move our accounts to Central Valley Community Bank (CVBC), with the exception of the account(s) that must be kept at Wells Fargo due to the pending case with TEC.

CVBC indicated that based on an initial review of our accounts they would provide the same or similar services at the same cost or less than we currently pay.

Bp. Menees called for a Motion to open an account at Central Valley Community Bank for the Diocese of San Joaquin, doing business as the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin, beginning as soon as practicable.

Motion: D. Lee
Second: B. Hunter
Approved

6. Insurance Requirements for Congregations Mr. Francis
Mr. Francis has been working with Church Mutual and individual congregations who have no real property and minimal contents to adjust their policies to a lower cost. St. Martins, St. Mary the Virgin are examples of these churches. These will need to be addressed case by case until such time as existing lawsuits are resolved and we can move to an affinity program where churches can individually obtain their own insurance without the \$10,000 minimum required to be a part of the Diocese's policy.
7. Background Check and Training Policy- Subcommittee Rpt Ms. Pestana

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A subcommittee was formed at the June meeting to review the MinistrySafe training policy. Subcommittee members are Dcn. Leslie, Mrs. Paul and Ms. Pestana. They reviewed the policy and submitted a list of recommendations. A proposal to update the *Rectors and Warden's Handbook* with these recommendations will be presented at the October Standing Committee meeting.

Bp. Menees is considering the establishment of a Compliance Officer position within the Diocese to handle compliance training and monitoring. Mr. Francis requested to be informed of any associated costs in advance of preparing the 2023 Diocesan Budget. A new position and changes to the policy would be on the agenda for the 2022 Convention.

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| 8. Diocesan Jump Start | Bp. Menees |
| Bp. Menees gave an overview of the Anglican Playbook, the upcoming Convention (November 5th) and Clergy Retreat (December 6-8). | |
| a. Anglican Playbook | |
| b. Diocesan Convention | |
| c. Clergy Retreat | |
| 9. Bishop's Report | Bp. Menees |
| See separate report. | |
| 10. Deanery Reports | SC Members |
| See separate Deanery report | |

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 – October 16, 2021
in Person and via Zoom