

Standing Committee Minutes

Feb. 18, 2023

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members present: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Fr. Luke Childs – Vice President (2026), Dcn. Chuck Kendall (2025), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mr. David Chambers (2023), Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Mr. David Katzakian (2026), Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024)
Staff and Permanent Guests: Mrs. Hephzibah Hovsepian – Secretary, Canon David Francis – Treasurer

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve: Dcn. Chuck Kendall

2nd: Mr. David Katzakian

Motion carried

3. Bible Study

On the Gospel of Matthew 17:1-8 – The Transfiguration

4. Minutes of Dec. 2022 Meeting

Motion to approve Dec. Minutes as amended (correction - Loomas to Loomis): David Katzakian

2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner

Motion carried

5. Financials

a. Financial Reports: Jan. 2023

Canon David Francis presented the financial report.

The expected monthly budget percentage is 8.3%. The actual income for January was 10.7%.

The actual expenditure percentage is 7.5% with a cash balance for the month of \$15,000.43.

The Tithes for December 2022, minus one church yet to be paid, totaled \$41,663.04 for a total tithe income for 2022 of \$432,156.05, 93% of the approved budget of \$465,350.00.

As you look at the 2023 budget worksheet, you will note that the Restricted Funds Income and Expense section at the bottom of the report has been greatly expanded to allow for better understanding of how those in/out non-budget funds come in and are spent throughout the year.

Motion to receive financials for audit: Mr. David Chambers

2nd: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast

Motion carried

b. Treasurer's Jan. report for publication

Motion to amend January notes; adding 'We finished the calendar year 2022 with \$861.99 in the red'.

Motion for the amendment: Karlyne Paul

2nd: Paul Wagner

Motion carried

Motion to approve the first two paragraphs of the financial report as amended for publication.

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Motion: Dcn. Chuck Kendall

2nd: Fr. Luke Childs

c. Mission Grant Requests

The subcommittee consists of Bishop Eric Menees, Cn. Dave Francis, Fr. Luke Childs, and Dcn. Leslie Arbegast.

Los Banos has returned the funds (\$30,000) that was granted to them for a Coffee House Ministry; and we have \$10,560 in the budget for Mission and Ministry Grants. So technically we do have \$40,560 for Mission Grants.

We have received our first two grant requests.

Dcn. Leslie Arbegast gave a report on Ascension's (Bakersfield) Mission Grant request. During the last year Ascension in Bakersfield has been going through church growth programs and would like to use 'SEO' Search Engine Optimization to help them narrow down on particular parts of town.

The Subcommittee moved approval of \$1575.

2nd: Paul Wagner

Motion carried

Fr. Luke Childs gave a report on Emmanuel's (Fresno) Mission Grant request. One of Bishop's goals for Emmanuel is to model Multicultural Ministry in the Diocese. Emmanuel is requesting a grant of \$12,000 to fund 'Multicultural Ministry Fellow'. The church is looking to hire Fr. Enrique Melchor (Cuban priest) and provide room and board, and transport cost for 6 months. During these 6 months the resources will be available to Diocese wide as well.

The Subcommittee moved approval of \$12,000.

2nd: Fr. Carlos Raines

Motion carried

6. Bishop's Calendar

- Mass of Chrism and Convention – This year Mass of Chrism will be at our Convention Eucharist in October.
- Ministry of Pastoral Care – Emmanuel is hosting MPC retreat on March 24-25. The theme is 'The Miracle of Forgiveness', and the Bishop is encouraging everyone to attend.
- Clergy Retreat – will be held at the St. Anthony's Retreat Center on May 15-17.
- The Vestry Retreat is not scheduled for this year.

7. COM Report presented by Bp. Menees

Fr. Carlos is the Cn. for Pastoral Care and Formation and he is working with our candidates.

- Dcn. Jack Fernicovich – COM did meet and recommended Dcn. Jack to be ordained to the Priesthood.
- Dcn. Dave Peterson – was ordained to the transitional Diaconate on Feb. 11, 2023 at Trinity Church in Bakersfield. Dcn. Dave has applied at Holy Cross in Sanger, and they are extending him an offer.

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- Brandon LeTourneau – has his candidacy interview with COM on March 4th.

Bishop Eric will attend the graduation of Dcn. David Peterson and Brandon LeTourneau in Nashotah House, Wisconsin on May 18, 2023.

8. Bishop's Report – A written report was submitted by the Bishop

9. Deanery Reports

- Fr. Luke Child - Northern Deanery submitted a written report.
- Fr. Carlos Raines - Central Deanery submitted a written report.
- Dcn. Leslie - Southern Deanery gave verbal update.
- Dcn. Chuck Kendall – East West Deanery gave verbal update.

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 18, 2023