

Standing Committee Minutes

November 18, 2023

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members Present: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees - President, Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024), Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Fr. Luke Childs - Vice President (2026), Mr. David Katzakian (2026), Fr. Spencer Stubblefield (2027), Mary Giles (2027)

Staff and Guests: Mr. Raul Villa - Secretary, Canon David Francis - Treasurer

1. Opening Prayer **Bp. Menees**

2. Agenda Approval **Bp. Menees**

Motion to add introductions to the agenda: Bp. Menees

2nd: Fr. Luke Childs

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the amended agenda: Bp. Menees

Motion Carried

3. Introductions

All members took turns introducing themselves by stating their names, church, class year, and what they were celebrating today.

4. Bible Study **Bp. Menees**

Matthew 25 - The Parable of the Talents

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’”

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- 5. Election of Secretary of Standing Committee** **Bp. Menees**
Bishop proceeded to define the position as follows.
The secretary to standing committee is equal to the Secretary of convention. It's a legal position. And so he becomes a legal signer for the diocese, just like the secretary on a vestry. Raul would be charged with keeping an accurate agenda and Minutes, and sending them out to us in a timely manner.
- Motion to elect Raul Gonzalez Villa as the Secretary of Standing Committee: Bp. Menees
2nd: Fr. Spencer Stubblefield
Motion Carried
- 6. Minutes of October 2023 Meeting** **Mr. Raul Villa**
Edits to the October minutes to include Bishop Gaddie & Charity Akanjuna under guests.
- Motion to accept October Minutes as corrected: Bp. Menees
2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner
Motion Carried
- 7. Minutes of 2023 Diocesan Convention** **Bp. Menees**
Motion to accept the Convention Minutes as presented: Bp. Menees
2nd: Fr. Spencer Stubblefield
Motion Carried
- 8. Minutes of the Standing Committee Oct. 27th meeting** **Bp. Menees**
Motion to accept the Oct 27th Minutes as presented: Bp. Menees
2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner
Motion Carried
- 9. Orientation to Standing Committee (new members)** **Bp. Menees**
Bp. Menees explained the ministry of the Standing Committee. Standing Committee is a legal authority for the Diocese, especially in regard to finances.
- Dave Francis explained how to read the monthly financial reports presented at the standing committee meetings.

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10. Financials

Cn. Francis

Financial Report - November 2023

Canon David Francis presented a detailed financial report.

Motion to receive the Financial Report for audit: Cn. Carlos Raines

2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner

Motion Carried

Written report for publication

The expected monthly percentage is 83%. The actual income percentage is 77.4%. The actual expenditure percentage is 75.0%. There is a cash balance of \$11,118.39 income over expenditure to date.

Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Fr. Spencer Stubblefield

2nd: Fr. Luke Childs

Motion Carried

11. Loan Request St. Paul's, Visalia

Motion to approve St. Paul's, Visalia Loan: David Katzakian

2nd: Mr. Paul Wagner

12. Commission on Ministry Report

Cn. Raines

Cn. Carlos Raines presented a verbal report.

13. Compliance Update

Bp. Menees

Dcn. Leslie has been named officer for Safe Ministries.

Bishop will be having a meeting on the 30th with Dcn. Leslie, Fr. Carlos, Fr. Jim Snell, Fr. Andy & Fr. Gordon to discuss Dcn. Leslie's role.

Regarding allocation of time and expectations.

14. Episcopal Oversight of Mission Cornerstone Chicago Bp. Menees

Bishop was asked to provide oversight to Mission Cornerstone in Chicago. Will include a once a year trip to Chicago. The Standing Committee would like more information regarding bylaws, leadership structure and financials.

15. Bishop's Report

Bp. Menees

The Bishop presented a written report.

16. Deanery Reports

SC Members

Deanery reports were presented in writing and given verbally.

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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.