

*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 16, 2024  
Meeting in Person and by Zoom

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

Staff and Permanent Guests: Raul Villa, Secretary, Canon David Francis, Treasurer

Absent Members: Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024)

1. Opening Prayer Bp. Menees

2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees

Motion to approve agenda: Dcn. Chuck Kendall

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner

Motion Carried

3. Bible Study Bp. Menees

**John 12:20-36**

**Some Greeks Ask to See Jesus**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

4. Update on Antonio Case Bp. Menees

Bishop gave a verbal update regarding the case. A petition was sent through the DA to the Judge to allow Bishop to make a statement. Bishop will also be posting the statement on the Diocesan website. The next Court hearing is on April 12, 2024.

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5. Minutes of February Meeting Mr. Villa  
Motion to accept January Minutes as presented: Fr. Carlos  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner  
Motion Carried
  
6. Financials Cn. Francis
  - a. Financial Report – February 2024  
Cn. David Francis presented a detailed financial report for February.  
Motion to receive the Financial Report for audit: Fr. Luke Childs  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner  
Motion Carried
  
  - b. Written report for publication.  
The expected monthly budget percentage is 16.6%. The actual income percentage through February is 19.6%. The actual expenditure percentage is 12.7%. The cash balance at the end of the month is \$31,990.14 income over expenditure.  
  
Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Mr. David Katzakian  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Dcn. Chuck Kendall  
Motion Carried
  
  - c. Formation of a Mission Grant Subcommittee  
Subcommittee Members:  
Bishop Eric Menees, Fr. Luke Childs, David Francis, Mr. Paul Wagner
  
  - d. Mission Grant Request from St. Timothy's, Bishop  
Subcommittee Members will meet at a later date to have enough time to review the documents. The Diocese will reach out to set a date to take a digital vote for approval/discussion.

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7. Compliance Update Bp. Menees  
Dcn. Leslie Arbegast submitted a written report and given verbally by Bishop  
“I am excited to report that compliance with the Diocesan policy for Protection of Children and Youth continues to increase. In the past month I met with the rectors and staff from Church of the Epiphany, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Luke’s, Merced, St. Timothy’s, and Emmanuel. Each meeting was productive, and I will be following up with the rectors as they reach out to staff and become fully compliant. I want to thank you for covering my Zoom expenses for these meetings each month.”
  
8. Discipleship Update Miss Giles  
Mary Giles gave a verbal announcement regarding the upcoming retreat.
  
9. Commission on Ministry Update Canon Raines  
Canon Carlos Raines and Bishop Eric presented a verbal report regarding COM.
  
10. Rectors & Wardens Manual Update Fr. Childs  
The plan is to set up a formal meeting after Easter.
  
11. Emmanuel & Diocesan Capital Campaign Bp. Menees  
Fr. Noah presented the history and future of the Cathedral. They plan to purchase the property at 1300 East Shaw Avenue. The pros of the property are its central location in Fresno between highway 99 and 41, its zoned for commercial, housing, and religious purposes, and its size, which allows the Church to grow while using the leased units to cover the monthly cost.

Emmanuel needs to raise \$2 million with help from the Diocese. The diocesan office would invest \$1500 to host the leaders of Horizon and conduct a feasibility study.

Motion to approve \$1500 for Feasibility study: Fr. Spencer

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Paul Wagner

Motion Carried

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12. Bishop's Report

Bp. Menees

The Bishop presented a written and verbal report.

13. Deanery Reports

SC Members

Deanery reports were presented in writing and given verbally.

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 20, 2024