

Standing Committee Minutes - DRAFT

September 16, 2023

Meeting in Person and by Zoom

Committee Members Present: Bishop Eric Vawter Menees – President, Dcn. Leslie Arbegast (2023), Mr. David Chambers (2023), Fr. Carlos Raines (2024), Mrs. Karlyne Paul (2024), Dcn. Chuck Kendall (2025), Fr. Luke Childs - Vice President (2026)

Committee Members Absent: Mr. Paul Wagner (2025), Mr. David Katzakian (2026)

Staff and Permanent Guests: Mrs. Hephzibah Hovsepian, Secretary, Canon David Francis, Treasurer

1. Opening Prayer Bp. Menees

2. Agenda Approval Bp. Menees
Motion to approve the Agenda as presented: Fr. Luke Childs
2nd: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
Motion Carried

3. Bible Study Bp. Menees
Matthew 18:21-35
Repent, be reconciled, be forgiven, and be forgiving.
Never give up forgiving. Never give up on anyone.

4. Minutes of August 2023 Meeting Mrs. Hovsepian
Motion to receive August Minutes as presented: Dcn. Chuck Kendall
2nd: Fr. Luke Childs
Motion Carried

5. Financials Cn. Francis
 - a. Financial Report - August 2023
Canon David Francis presented a detailed financial report.
Motion to receive the Financial Report for audit: Fr. Carlos Raines
2nd: Mr. David Chambers
Motion Carried

Written Report for publication

The expected monthly budget percentage is 66.6%. The actual income percentage is 65.3%. The actual expenditure percentage is 58.3%. There is a cash balance to date of \$32,200.25. It is a positive that we have made it through the summer months essentially on percentage for income.

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Motion to approve the Financial Report for publication: Dcn. Leslie Arbegast
2nd: Mrs. Karlyne Paul
Motion Carried

Correction in the Worksheet Notes: \$12,000.00 has been sent to the Northeast Assembly of God Church in Fresno for the purpose of supporting the Lao ministry there. This is the church where Fr. Sam Vongsanit and several of St. Martin's parishioners will be attending.

The Auditor's Management Letter from Linger, Peterson, and Shrum was presented to the Standing Committee. After a careful review, the Committee had several questions and asked Cn. Francis presents these questions to the Auditor.

6. Convention Prep

Bp. Menees

The Bishop reviewed all members of Commissions and Committees with the Standing Committee and brought to their attention that an error had been noticed with the service years in the previous Convention Position form. On some of the Commissions and Committees, the term of service is different for the Clergy and Laity, e.g. in the Ecclesiastical Court, Clergy serve 4 years while Laity serve for 3 years. In last year's convention minutes, the service year for both groups were noted to be 4 years. The dates on the Position form have now been corrected.

We are moving ahead with all the logistics for this year's Convention which is being held in Campus Bible in Fresno with Emmanuel Anglican Church being the host. Bishop Gaddie Akanjuna from our companion Diocese of Kigezi will be the keynote on Thursday and he will be teaching two sessions on Friday.

The Bishop is inviting not only the Clergy and delegates to participate but would like to see all come and enjoy a time of worship, a time of mission and ministry, a time of celebration.

This year's Convention is combined with the Mass of Chrism when the clergy will renew their vows. This has been a separate event in the past. The Bishop would also like to honor and bless the men and women at the Diocese who have chosen to dedicate their lives to Christ and have made vows of celibacy.

Next year's Convention will be held at St. Paul's in Visalia in their new facility which will be completed before the end of this year.

7. Compliance Update

Bp. Menees

Dcn. Leslie Arbegast has agreed to be the Diocesan Compliance Officer. Dcn. Leslie and Dcn. Daniel Park will continue to be the Diocesan

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Ombudsman, and both will be introduced at the Convention.

The Diocese would like to help all churches to establish their own Ministry Safe accounts and to be in compliance with the DOJ and Ministry Safe requirements. Only 6 churches have their own Ministry Safe account while it is expected that each church in the Diocese oversees its own Safety Compliance.

8. Bishop's Report Bp. Menees
The Bishop presented a written report.

9. 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 – Oct. 21, 2023