

**Diocese of Northern California
Standing Committee
Minutes from October 19, 2018
Office of the Bishop, Sacramento, CA**

Present: Cookie Clark, Linda Maxwell, Malcolm Mackenzie, Carlton Allen, Charis Hill, Jim Richardson+, +Barry Beisner, Ernie Lewis+

Guest: Andrea McMillin+

Call to Order: Cookie called the meeting to order with prayers and thanksgivings at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of minutes:

Action: Ernie+ moved to accept the complete and redacted minutes from the September 21st meeting, Malcolm seconded, passed with one abstention. The August minutes were also amended to reflect the Bishop's concurrence for Grant Bakewell's ordination to the priesthood.

DCOM Report:

John Heidel: John received his Vestry endorsement in February of 2012.

Karen Lawler: The DCOM is satisfied personally with her path.

Bishop's Report:

- The Standing Committee (SC) meeting this month was held at the Office of the Bishop (OoB) so that we could take advantage of the new technology features. He thanked Andrea+ for her work on the project.
- Letter of Agreement(LOA) for a retiring bishop: +Barry has provided the SC with a copy of what he is proposing. Andrea+ is recommending that the LOA be sent out in March in order for the entire diocese to process the transition.
- Accord on Cliff Haggengos+: Cliff+ will not be returning to his seat on the SC.
- Title IV: Another action is in the wings.
- St. Paul's, Benicia: Annie Pierpoint Mertz has been called as the new rector.
- Kacie Conyers: Kacie has been called as the chaplain at Memorial Chapel on the Stanford University campus.
- Shannon Johnson has announced her retirement as Bishop in the Diocese of Virginia.
- Arizona and Kansas: keep them in our prayers as their elections are coming up.
- Tom Gartin will be ordained to the priesthood tonight at St. Augustine, Rocklin.

- Grant Bakewell will be ordained to the priesthood at Trinity Cathedral on October 26th.
- Libby Vincent: Libby, a minister in the Presbyterian Church, will be coming to the SC soon.
- Mark DeBelka: Larry Hoban has brought forward Mark from the United Church of Christ to be considered for ordination. The SC will hear more about this.
- Jerusalem: The Bishop has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land. The newly announced funding cuts are catastrophic. The Anglican hospital in Gaza is experiencing a \$700,000 shortfall. The Princess Basma Hospital for disabled children is funded by the Palestinian Authority (PA) . The US has announced cutting off aid to the PA.
- Julie Vice: The consensus was that if she continues to work on her ability to read the eucharist in Spanish the SC will be satisfied.
- St. Francis, Fair Oaks: Valley Redemptive Church (VRC) is interested in buying the property which is owned by the diocese. The Vestry is continuing to meet and there is a working group from VRC they communicate with. In March the SC voted to not enter into a sale agreement. It is now recommended that the Property Committee from the diocese get a proper appraisal of the current state of the St. Francis property. VRC needs to hear from the SC regarding the appraisal and possible sale in the near future.

11:00 a.m. The Bishop and Andrea left the meeting

ZOOM meeting with Judy Stark ~ Bishop Search consultant

Cookie had two questions for Judy.

- One is, what to expect on “Slate Day?” The formal announcement of the final slate will come from the SC.
- The second is, how many days do we have to wait?
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Jim wanted clarification on the timing of the Petition Process. The petition process will be outlined at the Diocesan Convention and the applications for this will be on the website sometime after the convention. We were reminded that the petition process is in lieu of taking nominations from the election convention floor which will not be allowed. All candidates must go through the vetting, background checks and reference checks that the formal applicants do.

11:15 a.m. ~ ZOOM out

Discussion continued about the logistics, dates and timelines for the selection of the final slate, when to announce it and when to “go live” with the names of those chosen. Cookie will communicate with Mary Davy about this.

Interviews:

Karen Lawler ~ Action: Malcolm moved to approve her recommendation for candidacy, Jim+ seconded, passed unanimously. The Bishop concurs.

John Heidel ~ Action: Malcolm moved to approve his recommendation for candidacy, Carlton seconded, passed unanimously. The Bishop concurs.

Meeting dates and times:

It was decided that the next SC, elected at Convention, will determine the dates, times and locations for the meetings. Saturday has been discussed as an option and now that the OoB has ZOOM meeting capability members could participate from their own locations.

LOA: A draft of the retiring bishop’s LOA will be presented at the March SC meeting.

St. Francis, Fair Oaks: Cookie and Jim+ will work on drafting a letter to St. Francis and Valley Redemptive Church regarding the potential sale of the property.

“Walkabout”: It was decided that for this bishop search process the term “walkabout” will not be changed.

Cliff Haggenjos+: In response to the notice of the accord and Cookie’s representation of the SC; The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Northern California accepts the resignation of Cliff Haggenjos+ from the SC and thanks him for his service.

Action: Malcolm moved to approve, Jim+ seconded, passed unanimously.

Jim will do the devotion for the November 16th meeting.

Meeting adjourned 12:50

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Maxwell
Secretary

Important dates:

Standing Committee meetings ~

November 10th - Redding/ Convention Floor

November 16th - Office of the Bishop

December 1st - Slate meeting location TBD

December 21st - location TBD

Discernment Weekend:

March 22 - 24 location TBD