

**Episcopal Diocese El Camino Real
Minutes of the Standing Committee**

March 18, 2023

Via Zoom

Attendees: The Rev. Rob Keim, President, Tricia Ottesen, Vice-President, The Rev. Martin Juarez, Jackie Pierce, The Rev. Salying Wong, and Matt Cameron, Secretary.

Guests: Bishop Lucinda Ashby, Nancy Cohen Esq., Diocesan Vice-Chancellor, The Rev. Dr. Caro Hall, and Mr. Joe Head.

Rob called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Lectio

Offered by Tricia

- Exodus 3:1-6
- The Burning Bush
 - Consider the word, phrase, image or metaphor that comes to mind on the first reading.
 - For your second reading, reflect upon ways the passage impacts and informs our work on Standing Committee.

BUSINESS / INFORMATION

Minutes -

Motion.

Approval of the February 18, 2023, Standing Committee Minutes as presented.

- Motion: Tricia
- Second: Martin
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bishop Consent -

Motion.

Consent to the Bishop Coadjutor-Elect of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, The Rev. David G. Read.

Reference: Episcopal Church Title III. Canon 11. Section 3.

- Motion: Jackie
- Second: Tricia
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee Chairperson -

Motion.

Appoint the Rev. Barbara Miller as Chairperson on the Nominations Committee.

Reference: Diocesan Canon 4.3.

- Motion: Matt
- Second: Salying
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Property -

Motion.

Approval of All Saints' Palo Alto acquisition of a residential property for rector housing using a loan secured by the property and in an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000).

- Motion: Matt
- Second: Salying
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Property -

Motion.

Approval of St. Benedicts Solar Project 20-year agreement with Re-volv including a 1.9% annual rate increase.

- Motion: Salying
- Second: Tricia
- No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

TIME WITH BISHOP LUCINDA

Bishop Lucinda and the Standing Committee working in a partnership relationship -

- *Serve as Council of Advice to our Bishop*
- *With Bishop Lucinda, seek information from other diocesan entities*
- *With Commission on Ministry [COM] recommends to our Bishop for change in status for people in the ordination process*
- *With the Board of Trustees [BOT] and Bishop Lucinda, approve property transactions*
- *The Standing Committee is elected by Convention*
- *The Standing Committee serves as the Ecclesiastical Authority for the diocese in the absence of a Diocesan Bishop.*

Topics covered included but not limited to the following -

- Diocesan Spring Renewal
- Recap of the House of Bishops Meeting and Retreat

DIOCESAN PRAYER LIFE

Every Standing Committee meeting includes prayer time. The following four congregations were held in prayer.

- Trinity Cathedral, San Jose
- St Benedict's, Los Osos
- St Thomas', Sunnyvale
- St Stephen's, Gilroy

Guided Prayer -

Led by Salying

HOUSEKEEPING

Review Action Items

- 3/18/23 Meeting

Closing Prayer

Offered by Tricia.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Next Meeting

- Date: Saturday April 15, 2023
- 9am - 12:30pm
- Via zoom
- Lectio: Matt

Respectfully Submitted

Matt Cameron

Secretary