

The Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago  
Executive Summary-Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 2018

Present: Eric Biddy, Lisa Kerpan, Rory Smith, Jeffrey Lee  
By Phone: Anne Jolly, Maria Giraldo

Eric Biddy, President, called the meeting to order. Bishop Lee offered the opening prayer. The group read and reflected on Luke 3:7-18.

**Focused Discussion**

Introductions

Lisa Kerpan and Anne Jolly were welcomed as new members, and Eric Biddy was welcomed back. Each member took a few minutes to give a brief introduction.

Meeting dates were determined for Spring 2019.

January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, and June 12. No meeting is scheduled for July or August.

Review of Canons and Responsibilities

The group reviewed the responsibilities of Standing Committee as stated in the Canons and in the website description.

Election of President

Eric Biddy was re-elected President.

Dinner/Retreat/Trip in 2019

In the past few years, Standing Committee has scheduled a meeting out in the Diocese and included time to meet with clergy and lay leaders. Peoria, Waukegan, the South Side, and Ottawa were past destinations. Last year, Standing Committee met for a short business meeting and adjourned for dinner in order to get to know one another better. It was decided to do this again in January or February.

Rory Smith invited Standing Committee to return to St. Thomas for a meeting.

**Bishop's Report**

Bishop Lee reported that Catherine Healy has been called as the new rector at St. Paul and the Redeemer in Chicago and will start in March.

Philip Petti, a member of Trinity, Wheaton, has been appointed Church Attorney to serve with the Disciplinary Board of which David Fisher is the current President. The Disciplinary Board convenes to deal with matters that fall under Title IV of the canons.

**Business meeting**

Minutes and Executive Summary of November 14 were approved.

Standing Committee consented to the election of Jennifer Anne Reddall, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Arizona; Kimberly D. Lucas, Bishop Diocesan, Diocese of Colorado; Mark D. W. Edington, Bishop in Charge, Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

Staffing for Postulancy weekends in 2019. The dates are January 11-12, May 3-4, and September 27-28. Rory Smith will be the Standing Committee representative at the January weekend. Staff for the other two will be decided at a later meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is January 9, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons. Courtney Reid will attend to give an overview of diocesan structure.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Eric Bidy offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.