

The Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Executive Summary-Minutes of the Meeting of May 8, 2019

Present: Eric Biddy, Lisa Kerpan, Rory Smith, Maria Giraldo, Jeffrey Lee

By Phone: Barbara Seward, Anne Jolly

Eric Biddy, President, called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Lee expressed his gratitude for all the work Standing Committee has already done. He is willing to give input when and if desired. He has hired Bishop Mark Beckwith to be his coach during the transition.

On May 13, he leaves for the Holy Land for pilgrimage with 55 pilgrims. He asked for prayers.

This month all 3rd floor offices are moving to the 4th floor so that all bishop's staff will be on the same floor. Episcopal Charities and St. Francis Services will occupy offices on the 3rd floor leaving open offices for the Cathedral to occupy on the 2nd floor.

Bishop Lee reported on conversation with Commission on Ministry regarding whether there is a need for a pause in accepting nominees during the transition. CoM encourages that this be a pastoral matter at the local level. Bishop Lee will do an analysis of the numbers of folks in the process at this time and report back to Standing Committee. He asks for Standing Committee's advice as to the best way to proceed with our discernment process during the transition.

Business meeting

Minutes of March 7 and April 10, 2019 meetings were approved with edits.

Standing Committee consented to the ordination to the diaconate of Deborah Lang and Rose Cicero.

The next candidacy interview day is May 29, 2019 from 9am-5pm.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is June 12, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. Bishop Lee and Anne Cothran left and Standing Committee went into session with search consultant.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Cothran