

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

Present: Eric Biddy, Maria Giraldo, Kathy Leson, Kristin White, Jeffrey Lee
By phone: Barbara Seward
Guest by phone: Courtney Reid

Kristin White, President, called the meeting to order.

Special Order of Business

This was Kristin White's last meeting as she is leaving St. Augustine's in Wilmette and our diocese to serve as the Canon to the Ordinary for Congregational Development and Leadership in the Diocese of Indianapolis. Her last official act as President was to call for the election of new President. Eric Biddy was unanimously elected to serve.

Focused Discussion

2019 Budget

Courtney Reid joined the group by conference phone to discuss the 2019 diocesan budget. She reviewed the consolidated budget which was approved by Diocesan Council at the September 8th meeting.

Standing Committee as in the past was asked to determine the Bishop's salary for 2019. The following motion was moved, seconded and passed.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Chicago approves a 3% salary increase for Bishop Lee in 2019 which is in line with the current inflation rate and with the salary increase scheduled for the Bishop's staff.

Bishop's Report

Bishop Lee reported on the problems associated with the election of a new bishop in Diocese of Haiti. He has received a consent form to the election of Joseph Kerwin Delicat and the consent will soon come before Standing Committee.

Matt Berryman, the new Executive Director of Episcopal Charities and Community Services, is in place. He meets regularly with the diocesan Executive Team. A day long retreat for the board is scheduled for September 13.

Business meeting

Minutes and Executive Summary of June 20, 2018 were approved with the corrections noted.

The consent to the election of a Bishop Suffragan for the Diocese of Texas was approved.

A draft of the annual report of the Standing Committee was reviewed and approved.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Eric Biddy offered a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is October 10, 2018 at 6pm at St. James Commons.