

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary - Minutes of the Meeting of April 10, 2019

Present: Eric Biddy, Anne Jolly, Lisa Kerpan
By videoconference: Maria Giraldo, Rory Smith

Eric Biddy, President, called the meeting to order at 6pm. Lisa Kerpan offered an opening prayer.

Lisa Kerpan was chosen to act as Secretary of Standing Committee.

Eric Biddy began the meeting with a reading of the Gospel appointed for Palm Sunday, Luke 19:28-40.

Business Meeting

Several items related to the Bishop Search and Transition were discussed.

Search & Nomination (S&N) Committee Description and Application: Two draft documents were reviewed and tentatively approved by Standing Committee pending revisions as discussed at the meeting. The S&N Committee application will appear in the diocese's weekly eNews April 17, April 24, and May 1.

Search & Nomination Committee retreat: Search consultant, the Rev. Kimberly Jackson, will lead this mandatory retreat, which will take place June 14-15 at the Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus in Woodstock, IL. Standing Committee will also attend the retreat.

Anti-racism and anti-bias training: Standing Committee discussed the importance of anti-bias and anti-racism training for the S&N Committee. C-ROAR (Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism) has dates set aside in July for a customized training session.

Search & Nomination Committee selection process: Applications for S&N Committee will be due Friday, May 3, 2019. Standing Committee plans to announce the S&N Committee on May 22, 2019. To be considered, clergy and lay leaders must submit an application on or before the deadline.

Prayer and theological statement: A draft prayer for the search and transition and a draft theological statement for the diocese were in the process of being prepared by Barbara Seward and Rory Smith.

Translation: Standing Committee discussed the importance of translating important documents related to the search and transition to Spanish. Maria Giraldo is fluent in Spanish and agreed to provide translation.

Communication: Several communication strategies were discussed following the examples of other dioceses in transition, including stand-alone websites. A decision about a search and transition website was deferred until Standing Committee has more information.

Budget: A draft budget for the search and transition was in process. When complete, the budget will be presented at meetings of Diocesan Council and Bishop & Trustees.

Deans' meeting: Eric Biddy announced that he would be attending the Deans' meeting Thursday, April 11, to give them an update on the timeline and the S&N Committee application process.

Timeline: Standing Committee reviewed the updated search and transition timeline, which includes major milestones in the process. The timeline will be shared with the diocese in the coming weeks.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Standing Committee meeting is May 8, 2019 at 6pm at St. James Commons.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Eric Bidy offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kerpan
Secretary