

The Standing Committee of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
Executive Summary-Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2018

Present: Eric Biddy, Kathy Leson, Jeffrey Lee, Rory Smith, Kristin White
By Phone: Barbara Seward

Guests for Focused Discussion on St. Lawrence, Libertyville: Patti Snickenberger, Rector, and wardens, Lisa Woody and Joe Cardinale

Focused Discussion

St. Lawrence, Libertyville

On behalf of the parish, Rector Patti Snickenberger and Wardens, Lisa Woody and Joe Cardinale, presented a request for approval to sell the church property. The request comes after a series of meetings, discussions and studies over past two years regarding the parish's debt burden which seriously hinders the congregation's ability to fulfill its mission and vision. The vestry with the approval of the voting membership is now ready to explore options including selling the property.

The following motion was moved, seconded and passed.

The Standing Committee gives approval for St. Lawrence, Libertyville to explore the potential sale of the church property by engaging a broker, securing an appraisal, and marketing and listing the property; as well as to explore other potential arrangements regarding the congregation's future use of the property.

Grace, Galena

Grace Church in Galena is seeking Standing Committee's approval to sell the current Parish House (a family home purchased in the 1870's) in order to complete the construction of an accessible building adjacent to Grace Church. Standing Committee will be informed of the parish vote on the motion to sell which will take place on May 20.

Bishop's Report

The Endowment Trustees are reviewing two proposals for a mutual benefit campaign, one from CCS Fundraising and the second from Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF). A decision will be made once further information on fee structure is provided.

Cary Johnson, lead architect for the Nicholas Center, is working with the staff on a comprehensive analysis of our current space, how we use it and how it might be reconfigured to better fit our specific needs and foci. A report is expected by July which will drive next steps.

Bishop Lee is co-chair for General Convention legislation regarding prayer book revision.

Bishop Montgomery celebrates his 97th birthday at the end of May and Bishop Lee asked SC to join him in expressing best wishes and gratitude.

Business meeting

Minutes and Executive Summary of April 11, 2018 were approved with corrections noted.

Next Meeting

There will not be a scheduled meeting in July or August.