

STANDING COMMITTEE
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
April 10, 2019 10:00a.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Kathleen Pittman (Convention 2020) – President
The Rev'd Daniel Tuton (Convention 2020)
The Rev'd Jan Hosea (Convention 2019)
Ms. Mia Prieskorn (Convention 2019)
The Rev'd Rodney Hurst (Convention 2021) – *via Zoom*
Mr. John Gaige (Convention 2021)

Others Present:

The Rev. Canon Raymond Raney, CATO & Recording Secretary
Chancellor Karen Aubrey

Present During Presentations:

The Right Rev'd Michael Hunn
Mr. Ryan Jordan – *via Zoom*
Mr. Michael Coburn
Ms. Regina Hurley
Mr. Brian Pickard – *via Zoom*
Chaplain Stephen Echols – *via Zoom*

Report from Bishop Michael Hunn

Bishop Hunn provided updates from Diocesan Council, which included:

- The budget road shows have been well received, and providing significant learnings. The Trust levels are rising.
- The Canon of the Ordinary call is out and receiving names. He has decided to locate the office of the CATO in El Paso to begin to mend the spiritual loss of St. Clement's, and provide leadership at the Border.
- The Diocese has contracted (for free) with Dupuy Bateman for business plans for the Bosque Center and Bishop's Ridge. The perception of the purpose for the Bosque Center as a profit center is a mistaken intent that needs to be clarified. The value for the Diocese comes from the work of the Iona program to provide for the education of future priests and deacons. We need to help the Diocese re-evaluate the purpose and value of the Bosque Center. The Bosque Center hosted 55 asylum seekers recently and will again in May. The value of Bishop's Ridge and Camp Stoney also is something that needs to be communicated, and the reality that a week at Camp Stoney is more formational than a year in Sunday School.

Diocesan Policies

**Dr. Pittman announced a work day on Thursday, June 20, 2019, will be scheduled with Bishop Hunn to go over all policies and canons for revisions.
pending recommendations from the Task Force.**

Consents for Election

- a. Bishop Diocesan for Maine (the Rev'd Thomas James Brown)
ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev. Thomas James Brown as Bishop Diocesan for Maine. Bishop Diocesan for
ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the the Rev. Canon Megan Traquair as Bishop Diocesan for Northern California.
ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev. Canon Susan Brown Snook as Bishop Diocesan for San Diego.
ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the the Rev. Canon Kathryn McRossen Ryan as Bishop Suffragan for Texas.

Certification of Canonical Requirements for Candidacy

Chaplain Stephen Echols

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify that Stephen Echols is approved as a Candidate for Holy Orders. Approved unanimously.

Certification of Canonical Requirements for Ordination to Transitional Diaconate

Mr. Ryan Jordan

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify Ryan Jordan has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and recommend him for ordination. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Michael Coburn

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify Coburn Michael has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and recommend him for ordination. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Regina Hurley

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify Regina Hurley has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and recommend her for ordination.

Mr. Brian Pickard

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify Brian Pickard has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and recommend him for ordination.

Chaplain Stephen Echols

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify Stephen Echols has met the canonical requirements for ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, and recommend him for ordination. Approved unanimously.

Renunciation: The Rev'd Alicia Pope

Bishop Hunn explained the circumstances concerning the situation.

ACTION: A motion was approved that the members of the Standing Committee consents to the release and removal of the responsibility of ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church and from the obligations attendant thereto by the Rev. Alicia Pope under Canon III.9.9.

Safeguarding God's Children Policy Clarification

Bishop rejoined the meeting at 2:35 p.m. and explained the history of the training

surrounding Safeguarding. The current training is Online, but it doesn't provide the ability to develop judgment. There is growing awareness that the vulnerable are not just young, but all ages. The costs of background checks can be burdensome for congregations. The responsibility of Standing Committee is to manage the risk of training and background checks. One boundary is employment status. Training and background checks should be paid for by the employer. The Safeguarding Training raises awareness. Bishop Hunn recommended clarifying the difference between employees and volunteers and who does which Safeguarding training, and who is required for what level of background checks. He recommended that each Camp Stoney team would engage in a Safeguarding orientation. Bishop Hunn suggested negotiating a diocesan contract with Secure Check to bundle background checks that provides a checklist of inquiries. Standing Committee and Bishop Hunn will amend the Safeguarding Modules Chart to expand the listings to specify the background checks that will be required for the variety of positions in the church.

Next Meeting:
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center
July 10, 2019 10:00p.m.