

STANDING COMMITTEE
Diocesan House at the Bosque Center, Albuquerque, NM
February 13, 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. Paula Mote (Convention 2019)
The Rev'd Rodney Hurst (Convention 2021)
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
Ms. Ann Merrick
Mr. Oscar Alejandro (Alex) Reyes

President's Remarks

Dr. Pittman led a discussion of what the members of Standing Committee:

“I want my diocese ...

- To be focused on the broad priorities of God's Kingdom.
- To have a balanced or zero-based budget.
- Bottom to top hierarchy.
- Christ-centered.
- Inviting to all.
- Inclusive.
- Missional.
- Open and transparent.
- Compassionate
- People Oriented.
- Use our specific gifts.
- Servant leadership.

She shifted the discussion to change diocese to “Parish,” and the members discussed the differences and similarities of the lists.

Following the discussion, she lifted the focus to “Me.” She suggested that the incorporation of the “wants” is not in the “me” it won't be in the “parish” or the “diocese.”

Report from Bishop Michael Hunn

- Diocesan Waiver Request: He reported the Waiver Request was submitted last Friday. Executive Council is meeting this week and should address the request. The initial draft included increases and growth, but revision took into account the

probability of no growth. The challenge is will be to reach out into the culture of the Diocese to become bi-lingual and tri-lingual, expand the relationship with Navajoland and the Hispanic community.

- The Budget Road Show:

He recounted the budget issues raised at the 2018 Diocesan Convention and his promise to address the issues. In November Diocesan Council detailed a process, which included a narrative budget, financial statements for Bosque Center and Bishop's Ridge, and the actuals and budget figures from 2017 and 2018. The next step was a listening session at St. Michael and All Angels on January 31 to gather the questions concerning the budget, which was Facebook live. Nearly 400 have viewed the recording. The issues of the budget are being brought forward as he travels around the diocese. Questions raised are: Campus Ministry, Diaconal Ministry, and the needs of mission and churches and regional ministry, Latino & Hispanic Ministry, and Borderland among others. Four Deanery sessions will be scheduled to provide answers and begin collecting input to the budget, and then a draft will be developed by the late Spring. The process will clarify the values of the Diocese. Additionally, the value of the Bosque Center and Bishop's Ridge to the Diocese, such as in the training of priests and deacons. The Diocese will need to review the ways in which funding of missions and outreach to determine how those ways can do better.

- Congregational matters:

Corrales: He reported the closing of San Gabriel on February 3. The closing was at the request of Vestry, which decided the energy was lacking to do what would need to be done to grow. The Vestry decided to close quickly to provide a severance to the rector.

Alpine: He reported on St. James, Alpine. He and Fr. Mike Wallens did a conflict intervention in January. The implications are being considered.

Marfa: He reported on St. Paul's, Marfa, is considering the disposition of the vicarage. He considers Marfa the lynchpin for the region. Fr. Wallens is best case, early retired who works full time. The vicarage might be invaluable for the call of the next vicar.

Bishop is pondering how the diocese ministers to the region. He also remarked on expanding the way in which the Diocese could re-envision how support is given.

- Bishop reported Canon Raney will be retiring. The process for selecting his successor will begin in March. He will remain as CATO until a successor is in place, probably around June 1. Bishop expects him to continue being Recording Secretary for diocesan committees and as Editor of *Together*.

New Business

Certification of Canonical Requirements for Candidacy

- a. Ms. Ann Merrick was welcomed, introduced and opened the interview with prayer. She commended the Iona program and the community that has formed around the program and the participants. She related her history, and talked about her work as an Emergency Medical Technician and as a volunteer at St. John's, Farmington. She is doing her field work at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Durango, Colorado. She was asked to talk about the high points of her

theological education, and her experiences and where she has found joy in the process.

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify that Ms. Ann Merrick has met the canonical requirements and is approved as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Endorsement of Reception

ACTION: A motion was approved to certify that all canonical requirements for reception to the Priesthood have been met, and recommend the reception of Mr. Oscar Alejandro (Alex) Reyes as a Priest into the Episcopal Church.

Consent for Election

ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev'd Mark D.W. Edington as Bishop in Charge for Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe.

ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev'd Jennifer Anne Reddall as Bishop Diocesan for Arizona.

ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev'd Kimberly D. Lucas as Bishop Diocesan for Colorado.

ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev'd Canon Critóbal Olmedo León Lozano as Bishop Diocesan for Ecuador Litoral.

ACTION: A motion was approved to consent to the election of the Rev'd Phoebe A. Roaf Lozano as Bishop Diocesan for West Tennessee.

Camp & Conference Center Ministry (Board of Directors)

ACTION: A motion was approved to appoint the Rev. Rod Hurst as the Standing Committee member of the Camp & Conference Board.

Appointment of Standing Committee member

Ms. Paula Mote stated her intent to resign from Standing Committee at the end of February. Standing members were asked to suggest possible persons for appointment to Standing, who will serve until Convention. Dr. Pittman contacted Mia Prieskorn.

A motion was approved to appoint Ms. Mia Prieskorn to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Paula Mote's resignation as of March 1.

End of Transition Gathering

Dr. Pittman discussed the having a celebration of Search and Transition and Staff. Instead of a party, Bishop suggested that each of the Roadshows will recognize all those who worked on Search, Transition, Council and Standing and staff to celebrate them. There will be a cake to celebrate each of the roadshows in each deanery.

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