

Draft Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

3/13/24 (9am – 12 noon)

Present: Darren Armstrong, Canon Jon Anderson, Donna Colville, Wren Blessing, Nancy Jones, Chuck Theobald, William Stanton, Karla Schapansky, Bishop Kym Lucas, Chip Page, Melissa George

At 9:05, Darren Armstrong called the meeting to order, and the group commenced with a check in discussion, following which Canon Jon Anderson opened in prayer.

At 9:32:

- the agenda was moved for approval by Bill Stanton, seconded by Chuck Theobald. The agenda was unanimously accepted as submitted.
- Karla Schapansky moved to approve the February, 2024 meeting minutes, Bill Stanton seconded. The February meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

At 9:35, Canon Jon Anderson shared about the process of putting the Episcopal Service Corps house (281 Sherman) on the market and offered an update on the Our Merciful Savior property.

At 9:40, Nancy Jones shared the Treasurer's report, including that: information from the Colorado Trust is forthcoming and plans for an audit are in process.

At 9:44, Nancy Jones shared that after some logistical challenges, Cathedral Ridge anticipates receiving a refund check of \$21,000 which will help with cash flow. Camp director and staff interviews are in process under the supervision of the Rev. John Hill, with a focus on raising up staff local to Woodland Park. A significant number of summer camp summer staff applications have been received, and retreat bookings are filling out Cathedral Ridge's calendar.

At 9:48, Darren Armstrong invited feedback on the most recent Imagining meeting.

About 79 people participated in the February 21 visioning meeting, and small group sharing was robust. Suggestions including inviting small group sharing across regions (rather than within regions), a desire for future opportunities for connection between parishes to share ideas and resources. 92 people are registered to attend the March 13 meeting.

At 10:23, Bishop Kym offered updates on the ordination process in our diocese including the formation process for deacons, and that a minimum of 3 and maximum of 6 participants are invited annually to BACOM. In any given year, there are 12-15 postulants under diocesan supervision. Individual Formation plans are created for individuals who have come to ordination having already been ordained in a denomination outside of The Episcopal Church. Anyone discerning for holy orders for the priesthood should expect the process to take 4-5 years. Those entering who already have an M.Div should expect 18 months to two years. Beginning in 2025, BACOM will shift to a springtime (rather than fall) meeting.

Bishop Kym discussed the Title IV (misconduct of ordained persons) claims process, the upcoming Ministry Leadership Review, our upcoming General Convention, and plans for her sabbatical which will be submitted to standing committee by early 2025.

From 11:00 – 11:17am, the Standing Committee interviewed postulant Christina Rutland, then discussed the interview. At 11:20, the Standing Committee interviewed Mike Kornelson. The committee discussed how we might encourage peer and mentor support for clergy.

At 11:55, Chuck Theobald moved to support Christian Rutland as she moves forward as a postulant for ordination to the priesthood in The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. Karla Schapansky seconded the motion, which received unanimous support from the Standing Committee.

At 11:57, Karla Schapansky moved to support Mike Kornelson as he moves forward as a postulant for ordination to the priesthood in The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. The motion received unanimous support from the Standing Committee.

At 11:58, Darren Armstrong discussed the upcoming vote regarding Kara Wagner Sherer, Bishop elect of the diocese of Rochester, and will disseminate information to allow the Standing Committee to vote by email. Darren requests that all Standing Committee members respond within 48 hours of the email.

The next Standing Committee meeting will be a retreat meeting on April 19-20 at Cathedral Ridge.

At 12:03, Chuck Theobald moved to adjourn, seconded by Karla Schapansky. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.