

Minutes of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church in Colorado
January 15, 2025

Present: Chuck Theobald, Chris Ditzenberger, Donna Colville, Bill Stanton, Canon Jon Anderson, Canon Greg Foraker, Matthew Frey, Karla Schapansky, Nancy Jones, Michelle Danson

9:07am – The meeting was called to order. Chaplain Michelle Danson opened with a reading and prayer.

9:10am – Formation / Check In Time commenced, concluding at 9:25am.

9:26 am – A motion was duly made and seconded to amend the meeting agenda to move the discussion of ESC to the first item on the agenda. The motion was approved.

A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the amended agenda, and the motion carried.

A Standing Committee member requested to include in the December minutes a desire to continue a subscription to TENS. A motion was made and seconded to approve the December minutes with that addendum. The motion carried.

9:29am – Bill Stanton, chair of the Subcommittee for the Disbursement of Proceeds from the Sale of Property at 281 Sherman St, invited discussion of the report and proposals of the Subcommittee. A motion was duly made and seconded that the Standing Committee approves a grant from the Diocese of Colorado to St. Peter and St. Mary with the intention that the funds will be used to support ministry with ESC Alumni and Young Adults. The motion was approved.

10:14am – A motion was duly made and seconded that the Standing Committee award a grant of \$30,000 (approximately 10% of the money used to refinance the ESC house to reduce the mortgage) with the parameters that it be used for the establishment of an ESC/Young Adult Ministry within St. Peter and St. Mary. The motion was seconded.

An amendment to the motion was duly proposed and seconded to reduce the grant amount to ESC \$15,000. In discussion, it was noted that regional funding might be appropriately to expand funding for a young adult/ESC alumni ministry at St. Peter and St. Mary, should ministry initiatives need further funding. The motion to amend the amount was made, seconded, and the motion carried. The motion was duly made and seconded to award a grant of \$15,000 to St. Peter and St. Mary for the establishment of an ESC/Young Adult Ministry within St. Peter and St. Mary. The motion carried.

10:40am – President Darren Armstrong expressed gratitude for the work of the Subcommittee and the robust engagement of the Standing Committee.

10:42am – Nancy Jones provided a treasurer's report and a report about Cathedral Ridge, noting that Cathedral Ridge recently received \$15,000 toward an unpaid pledge of \$150,000.

10:46am – Canon Jon Anderson updated the Standing Committee on the Yates Street property valuation, and described two brokers that the diocese may partner with. Jon recommended the diocese contract with Lindsay Brown with Hughes Marino. A motion was duly made and seconded to authorize Jon Anderson to work with Lindsay Brown of Hughes Marino on the sale of the Yates property.

11:02am – Bishop Kym addressed the Standing Committee, noting that there will be one meeting of the Bishop's Advisory Council on Ordained Ministry in 2025, which will take place in April. Five new postulants have entered the ordination process, and planning is underway for a diaconal ordination in March, 2025.

Canon Jon noted that the bylaws template for congregations is nearly complete, and will be posted on the diocesan website soon.

11:17am– Darren Armstrong requested assistance in planning the Standing Committee retreat on April 25-26, 2025 at Cathedral Ridge. He invites volunteers to reach out by the end of the week.

11:22am – The Standing Committee moved into executive session.

11:45 am – The meeting was adjourned.

