

Minutes of the Standing Committee
December 1, 2020

Present: Anthony Alexander, Veronica Chappell+, Drew Dorgan, Kate Harrigan+, Kathy Hettinga, Eric Hillegas+, Michael Nailor+, Nicolette Norris, Jeff Packard+, +Audrey Scanlan, Greg Welin+, and John Wolgemuth

Absent: Susan Landin

Opening Reflections: Anthony presented “The Hound of Heaven.”

Candidacy Interview:

The Standing Committee interviewed Allison Carnahan and discerned her readiness for ordination. Kate moved and Anthony seconded the motion to approve Allison for ordination. Motion passed unanimously. Jeff concluded the interview with a sending prayer.

Standing Time with our Bishop:

- Finance Committee will meet this week to discuss relief for congregations as a result of the pandemic. Fair Share will also be discussed. The idea of a pool of funds created by parishes that are in a position to donate was mentioned.
- The new Anti-racism Commission will have their opening meeting with a charge from our Bishop.
- Shaped by Faith has resulted in innovative ideas as the convocation groups reach that stage in the process.
- Our Bishop stressed the need for collaboration between the dioceses in the state particularly as the Diocese of Pittsburgh searches for a new Bishop.
- A new Title IV case has been raised. An investigation is the next step.
- COVID is being monitored on a county by county basis and could result in regional re-openings.
- Youth and young adult ministry is being evaluated and reconceptualized. An outside consultant will help us move forward.
- The diocese is searching for a new Ecumenical Officer.
- Communion Under Special Circumstances was discussed. A clear distinction needs to be preserved between this and any irregular “virtual consecration” or “consecration at a distance.”
- Christmas services at the Drive-ins were discussed.

Closing prayer and dismissal: Bishop Audrey

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.