



Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Meeting of the Standing Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, MAY 8, 2018, 3:00 PM

At the Offices of the Diocese

Approved May 22, 2018

Call to Order at 3:05 PM by Raining

Clergy present were Liz Colton, Jo Ann Jones, Sean Mullen, Hillary Raining, Michael Rau. Layperson present was Colin Johnstone

Excused Norman McCausland, Eric Rabe, Pat Smith, and George Vosburgh.

Also present were Bishop Daniel Gutierrez and Canon Arlette Benoit Joseph.

The opening prayer was offered by Raining.

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

Minutes/Notes of April 24, 2018 Meeting

- The minutes were approved unanimously and the notes accepted.

Ministry Approvals:

- This meeting was called specifically to consider four candidates for ordination.
- An information packages on each of the four candidates was distributed electronically before the meeting. Standing Committee members reviewed the packages.
- Chairman McCausland and Secretary Rabe are unable to attend the meeting, but they each sent their support of all four candidates.
- **RESOLVED:** McCausland and Rabe will be allowed to sign the Consent for Ordination for the candidates that are approved by those present. Approved unanimously.

Each of the four candidates was then considered:

- Benjamin Capps (transitional diaconate)
Approved unanimously.
- Michael Whitnah (transitional diaconate)
Approved unanimously.
- Louis Steffenhagen (vocational diaconate)
Approved unanimously.
- Matthew Simpson (vocational diaconate)
Approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before this Standing Committee at this time, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and approved unanimously. (Johnstone, Jones)

The closing prayer was offered by Bishop Gutierrez.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM by Raining.

Standing Committee Monthly Meetings/Upcoming Events

- May 22, 2018, **May Standing Committee meeting**
 - May 22, 2018 Opening/Closing Prayers: Colton/Vosburgh
 - May 22, 2018 Pre-Ordination Actions
- June 9, 2018 10:00 A.M. Diaconal Ordinations at the Cathedral
- Date TBD: Standing Committee Retreat