

Standing Committee Meeting Diocese of Rhode Island
Minutes for May 16, 2023 meeting.

Present: The Rev. Susan Wrathall, President. The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker, Secretary. Mr. Orville Forbes, The Rev. Jackie Kirby, Mr. David Munroe, Dr. Rebecca Silliman, Dr. Grant Willis, Bishop Knisely.

Absent: The Rev. Kevin Beesley.

4:15 The President opened the meeting.

1. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as submitted. Silliman/Grant.
2. The President asked if everyone received the special e mail material from the Diocese of Florida. All members had received this material.
3. It was decided to suspend our regular meeting time in order to have Bishop Knisely join us from his hotel in Washington D.C. Our regular meeting is to resume after the Bishop's Time.
4. After the Bishop's Time and some further discussion, it was decided that it is time to vote on the candidate elected bishop in the Diocese of Florida, The Rev. Charlie Holt. Moved and seconded by Silliman/Forbes. The vote: 6 "yes" and 2 "no" The President will forward the results in the proper format provided.
5. The Bishop will contact the CFO of the diocese to respond to our request for the finance committee agreeing to the format for congregations applying for SC approval to sell or buy facilities or to otherwise financially encumber their congregation.
6. The SC agreed on the document presented outlining the process for approving the election of a bishop.
Amended: A final document will be presented for approval at the next meeting of the Standing Committee
7. The congregation by-law revision process material will be sent out to every congregation along with a cover letter from President Wrathall.

5:30 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: 4pm June 20, 2023 The Rev. Jackie Kirby will chair the meeting.
Dr. Silliman will take minutes.
Mr. David Munroe will do Opening Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker
Secretary