

Diocese of Rhode Island Standing Committee  
Minutes April 18, 2023 meeting on zoom at 4pm.

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

Absent: Bishop Knisely

4:30. The meeting was opened by President Wrathall.

The opening prayer was offered by The Rev. Beesley

1. The request for Standing Committee approval for the Deacon ordination of Andrea Hutnak was added to the agenda.
2. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented Silliman/Willis.
3. Kirby/Silliman moved the approval of Andrea Hutnak to be ordained a Deacon. Everyone agreed her paperwork and preparation were complete. Since interviewing her in person just six months ago, it was agreed that no further in person interview was necessary. The motion to approve carried unanimously. The formal document for approval must be signed electronically and this will be sent to us in the next week.
4. Church of The Holy Spirit in Charlestown will be submitting their By-laws for Standing Committee review. Dr. Silliman and Dr. Willis will do the initial review. Dr. Silliman will send Dr. Willis a copy of the required Standing Committee check list they are to follow.
5. Two Bishop elections were presented for Standing Committee approval process.
  - \*The Rev. Ann Ritonia elected to be the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries. A brief discussion followed about the process for this special role and the nomination process used in the House of Bishops. Beesley/Munroe moved approval. Motion passed unanimously.
  - \* The Rev. Mary Broadbent elected Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Maryland. Munroe/Silliman moved approval. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Bishop Knisely's Time had to be postponed. His air flight landed too late to manage the 4pm meeting time. Possible date and time for a special meeting: April 26 at 4pm.
7. Next meeting of the Standing Committee: May 16 at 4pm.
  - The Rev. Beesley will be away.
  - Dr. Silliman will give the Opening Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 5:14.

Respectfully Submitted:

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker, Secretary.

Standing Committee Special meeting with Bishop Knisely.  
April 26, 2023 at 4pm. on zoom.

7 of the 8 members were present.  
The Rev. Kevin Beesley was away.

The Subject of the meeting was the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the  
Diocese of Florida.  
No minutes of the confidential discussion were taken.

The Standing Committee will make their decision about this election at their  
May 16th. regular meeting.

Notes taken by Secretary of the Standing Committee.  
Canon Elizabeth Habecker.