

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island
Minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting on "Zoom"

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

The President opened the meeting at 4pm.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Canon Habecker.

1. The Standing Committee interviewed Postulant for Holy Orders, Drake Douglas. He has been recommended to be approved for Candidacy for Holy Orders by the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese. His paperwork is complete and the SC and Mr. Drake engaged in a thoughtful discussion of his spiritual biography as well as his experience as an intern and student in seminary, as he prepares for the ministry as a Priest in the Episcopal Church.

The Committee members thanked Mr. Drake for the interview and said they will let the Commission on Ministry, the Bishop, and him know our decision.

The Rev. Mr. Beesley moved, The Rev. Jackie Kirby seconded approval of Douglas Drake to be a Candidate for Holy Orders. 8 yes, 0 no.

2. The Minutes for the September 19th. meeting.

moved approval: Dr. Silliman/Mr. Monroe 8 yes, 0 no.

3. Request for approval of a loan to St. Mark's, Warwick from the Diocese's Revolving Loan Fund, to complete the finances needed to replace the church roof. This request has been investigated by the diocesan finance committee and they recommend approval for \$17,950. Motion to approve: Mr. Monroe/Mr. Forbes 8 yes, 0 no.

4. Request for approval of the election of The Rev. Kristin Uffelman White as Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Motion to approve: The Rev. Beesley/Dr. Silliman 8 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain.

5. *St. Paul's, Pawtucket bylaws will be on the agenda for SC next meeting.

Dr. Willis and The Rev. Kirby will mentor this process.

*St. Andrew's By The Sea bylaws also for the next meeting.

David Monroe and Dr. Silliman will mentor this process.

Bishop's Time

(Minutes not taken during this confidential meeting.)

The Bishop asked that the Standing Committee minutes show his thanks to The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker and Mr. Orvill Forbes whose terms ended at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING November 21st. at 4pm on Zoom

Dr. Silliman will give the opening prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Habecker

Secretary