

**Minutes Of the Standing Committee
October 1, 2024**

Present: +Bishop Audrey Scanlan, Laura Gottfried-Letsche, Barbara Cross, Sarah Reid, Kyle Murphy+, Veronica Chappell+, Bob Davis Jr. Jennifer Mattson+, Eric Hillegas, Rick Breach,

Absent: Kevin Barron+

Opening Devotions: Eric opened the meeting with a devotional of St. Michael and All Angels.

Interview: Ford Brooks, Candidate for the Vocational Diaconate.

Ford shared highlights of his process of formation during his educational journey, as well as things that he has found helpful. He also discussed highlights of his time in internship, and especially the variety of people involved in the process, including time with a chapter of "Holy Hikes". Following this, there was a period of questions from the committee, after which he was asked to give input into how he sees his road ahead. Rick offered prayer for the candidate, after which he was released for the committee to formulate further feedback and plans for future Motion Bob, Barb second, to approve his candidacy. Motion by Jennifer, Veronica second, to pass the candidate on for ordination.

Standing Time With The Bishop:

Discussion of property issue at St John's Westfield. DOT would like an easement to do accessibility work. Kyle moved, Veronica second to move this issue forward, pending legal approval. Motion passed

Discussion surrounding issues at St Stephen's school.

Discussion of proposed pastoral letter, including suggested edits and input from committee. Draft of this letter will be reworked by Bishop Audrey, considering these suggestions and potential committee edits, and revised edition will be sent back out for approval of committee, before being sent out.

Approval of Sept Minutes: Bob moved, Rick second, minutes approved.

Next Regular Meeting November 5. 2024