

<b>Regular Attendees</b>		<b>Present</b>
Fifi Ball	Director of Operations	Y
Jane Barnes	Treasurer	
Jeff Brainerd	Standing Committee member	Y
Rev. Howard Dana	Senior Minister	
Dave Elwood	Chair	Y
Laurel Gray	Ministerial Intern	Y
C. C. King	Standing Committee member	Y
John Lowe	Standing Committee member	Y
Peter Nobile	Clerk	
Liz Rust	Standing Committee member	Y
Susan See	Standing Committee member	Y
Kate Svrcek	Standing Committee member	Y
Lora Venesy	Standing Committee member	Y
Marion Visel	Minister for Pastoral Care	
Tom Wilson	Standing Committee member	Y
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
Eric Moore	Nominating Committee	

Laurel opened with a reading, and we held a moment of silence.

**Introduction**

Dave Elwood expressed appreciation for members’ willingness to meet during the summer and thanked members who contributed to the potluck supper.

**Approval of minutes**

Deferred

**Director of Operations’ Report**

Fifi referred to the June financial report and noted surplus cash would be used for the new phone system. She requested separate Standing Committee votes to support expenditures for Marion Visel’s \$5000 bonus and for \$6400 in unused vacation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve, retroactively, the expenditure of Marion Visel’s payment of \$5000, and

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**Updates from Congregation and Liaisons**

Lora and Liz will serve as SAC liaisons this year; Jeff for RE; CC for membership; Tom for Finance

**Social Action Discussion**

Bob Brack, chair of SAC, requested guidance from the Standing Committee on three issues:

1. SAC ongoing role in grants
2. Clarification of support during budget process
3. Role of SAC (and FP) in making political statements and participating in the political and election processes.

In discussion, it's clear that SAC has an important decision-making role in vetting and selecting monthly Share-the-Plate participants. SAC also has responsibility for dispersing funds held in "reserve," as well as for new monies that are donated and directed to the reserve. Any monies used to support outside organizations that are line items in the FP budget would also be SAC responsibility but would need to be reapproved in the annual budget negotiation process, i.e. these are not automatically carried over.

The Standing Committee supports SAC as a "pillar" of the Parish and SAC should participate in the annual budget process along with all other FP programs.

The politically oriented questions came down to two issues, each of which need a working group of SC members and staff to address:

1. To what extent can/should FP, or parts of FP, take public positions on political issues (elections, referenda, legislation, government policymaking) that are consistent with FP values, without jeopardizing FP tax status? Even if it's "OK" to do so, how should FP decide whether it is appropriate to participate? Lora, Dave and John agreed to work on this question. Laurel and Fifi will provide some information from the UUA.
2. To what extent can FP or SAC make available staff support, money, meeting space or other contributions to political organizations, which are lobbying, electioneering or otherwise working on such political issues? Liz, Kate (Pillar?), Fifi and Bob Brack will work on this question and try to have some information by the October/November meeting.

**Evaluations**

1. Senior Minister – deferred until the executive session in the August meeting
2. Governance Functions – deferred to August
3. Standing Committee Goals – deferred to August

**Standing Committee Goals – changes/additions**

Progress on the current 2-year goals will be reviewed at the August meeting. Changes and additions will be discussed at the annual retreat.

**Fall Retreat – ideas?**

The main topics at the fall retreat will be updating the SC goals and focusing on the Time for Action project groups for 2019-20. SC members expressed that Howard contribute substantively to the retreat and the Time for Action projects.

The main meeting was closed at 9:05PM, and there was an Executive Session. With no further business before the Committee, the Executive Session was adjourned at 10:05PM

Respectfully submitted  
John Lowe, Acting Clerk