

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Highlights of the Meeting of the Election Committee

February 13, 2010

Diocesan Center, Springfield, IL

Attending: The Rev. Canon Eugene Stormer, The Rev. Sheryl Black, Mrs. Therese Kobel, Mrs. Jane Hill, Dr. David Maurer, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Dr. Stephen Pearson, Mrs. Elisabeth Langford, Mrs. Kathie Schmitt, The Rev. Canon Dr. George Pence
Absent: Mr. Charles Evans, Mr. Keith Gehrand, Mr. Harry Gore, Miss. Sierra Gore, Mrs. Martha Stiehl

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m. with an opening prayer.

Profile Committee: No additional information. T. Kobel will look at narrative created by K. Gehrand and make sure it contains the focus on higher education institutions, medical centers and major industries. E. Langford will send the revised data summary to include the requested statement from last meeting.

Survey Committee: Preliminary demographics were reviewed. Approximately 60% of the surveys are yet to be entered, so the preliminary data is not accurate. H. Gore has been ill and expects to complete the data entry in the next two weeks.

Nominations Committee:

1. **Nomination process and procedures description:** The group agreed it was clear that if someone was not in good standing within the Episcopal Church he/she could not nominate.

The group voted that "Nominations Packages are available on the diocesan website: (www.episcopalspringfield.org) and hardcopies may be requested from The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, The Election Committee for the XIth. Bishop of Springfield, Attention: The Rev. Canon Gene Stormer, Chairman, 821 S. Second Street, Springfield, IL 62704. Tel: 217-622-6043 (cell).

2. **Nominee Package:** Concerning background checks - "Social security number and driver's license number will not be disseminated to anyone other than the Chair of the Election Committee for use in background checks."

3. **Essay question process:** Once the survey results are compiled, the Excel file will be sent to committee members to help them develop suggested essay questions. Sample questions from the last Springfield Diocese Bishop search and from current bishop searches around the country were disseminated for use in considering what questions to ask. The Rev. G. Stormer suggested we limit the number of questions to three. T. Kobel suggested we discuss the topic areas that we want to have written about and then decide how many essay questions to include. It was

suggested that we allow nominees to submit their answers in writing, or by video or audio recording.

History Committee:

The draft documents were never intended to be shared with anyone outside the Election Committee. Until the document is in final form, it should not be shared. Factual information should be included, opinion should not.

1. **Short summary:** “A Summary of the History of the Diocese of Springfield, 1835-2010.”
2. **Full history document:** The Rev. G. Pence will work with others in the group to correct typos from previously written history. Members suggested corrections to facts in the document. The Rev. G. Stormer corrected the document on his computer to reflect agreement on language included in the document.

Discernment Meetings and Prayers: will be discussed next meeting.

Next meeting: Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Topics to discuss at next meeting: Survey results, essays questions, finalized nomination forms, and discernment meetings. The final history document and final profile will be reviewed and approved.

Adjournment: Following the reading of prayers and asking for God’s healing presence for H. Gore and M. Stiehl, the meeting concluded at 2:15 p.m.