

St. John's Cathedral

Vestry Minutes

June 18, 2015

Vestry members attending: Faye Wisner, Charles Winney, Martha Cox, Jim Jamison, John Adams, Robert Hyde, Bill Erwin, Steve Busey, Tommy Donahoo, Ginny Myrick, Don Lester, Bonnie Hardman

Vestry members absent: Ryan Uitti, Joe O'Shields, Hud Berrey

Clergy, Staff and Laypeople present: Dean Kate Moorehead, Helen Likins, Meredith Evans, Gloria Miller

Clerk: Helen Likins

Guest: Tina Hutcheson

Don Lester led the devotion.

Moment of Gratitude

Dean Kate acknowledged Caroline Anderson for her help with Messy Church this summer.

Approval of the Minutes

It was suggested that the line in the Finance section in the April minutes that said that the cathedral has ended the last three years in the black be removed. Discussion followed, and it was agreed that the line should say instead that for the past three years, our pledges and gifts have exceeded our budget. The Vestry motioned to approve the last statement. Motion seconded and approved to approve the minutes as amended.

Finance Report

Charles Winney and Meredith Evans reported that we ended May within the budget. A detailed breakdown of the Outreach budget was requested. A motion was made to put the Plummer Grant funds towards the line of credit. Motion seconded and approved by the Vestry.

Properties Report

A package has been put together for the lighting of the dirt lot, which will be subject to Vestry approval once it is finalized. A package is also being put together for the bell tower, which will include purchasing new bells and repairing old bells. The Properties Committee will be meeting in July in order to give the Vestry more specifics.

Dean's Report

The Dean reported that Tina Hutcheson will be joining the staff full-time as back up for our receptionist and other office staff. Reverend David Erickson will also be joining the staff in August as Canon for Congregational Development. The Episcopal School of Jacksonville has chosen a new head of school who

is an Episcopal priest, Reverend Adam Green. He specializes in working with youth and Episcopal schools, so he will be a great fit for ESJ. Dean Kate also talked about issues to be discussed at General Convention. A new presiding bishop will also be elected this year. Whatever General Convention decides about liturgies for gay marriage, it is still each bishop's decision on whether to follow them or not.

New Members for ESJ Board of Trustees

Motion made to approve the new board members. Motion seconded and approved by the Vestry.

Leadership Councils

The Worship council has met. Three people have volunteered to join. The council will meet again in July, August and October.

The Parish Life council has met and has scheduled more meetings. They discussed Rally Day set up and who else should be invited to be on the council.

The Christian Formation council has eleven members currently and is starting to look at goals. They will meet later this month.

The Service, Outreach and Mission council has come up with a vision and goals. The council feels that the budget for outreach should be 10% of the cathedral's total budget.

The Stewardship and Legacy council will meet monthly. The council would like to organize an event in August or September to recognize legacy donors. Legacy giving may also include those who give in other ways other than monetarily. The Fearless Committee, a subcommittee of the Stewardship council focusing on Stewardship and the pledge season, is working on ideas.

The Properties Council is working on making the Properties Committee more efficient and proactive. The Campus Council is working on ideas to get the plan for the Cathedral District really started. The council feels we need a master development plan including our neighboring churches and institutions on how the area around us should be used. We may be able to get funding from the city to do this. The council is meeting again next week.

Next Vestry Meeting

The next scheduled Vestry meeting will not be until August. However, the vestry is welcome to email each other about the progress of the councils.

Dean Kate said the Vestry should send Marcia Dooly a letter of condolence for Fr. Bernie Dooly.

The meeting closed in prayer.