

St. John's Cathedral

Vestry Minutes

August 20, 2015

Vestry members attending: Faye Wisner, Charles Winney, Jim Jamison, Robert Hyde, Bill Erwin, Steve Busey, Ginny Myrick, Don Lester, Bonnie Hardman, Joe O'Shields, Ryan Uitti, Martha Cox, Tommy Donahoo

Vestry members absent: Hud Berrey, John Adams

Clergy and Staff present: Dean Kate Moorehead, Canon David Erickson, Rev. Carl Saxton, Helen Likins, Meredith Evans, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk: Helen Likins

Ryan Uitti led the devotion.

Moment of Gratitude

Bonnie Hardman said that we should thank those who bring flowers to those in the hospital. Fr. Carl thanked Martha and Jim Cox for their help with Pilgrimage. Robert Hyde thanked the Fearless Committee.

Approval of the Minutes

Senior warden made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved by the Vestry.

Finance Report

Meredith Evans-Cataland explained the cathedral expenses as they stand now. We are currently in the red, but this is usual for the summer. July was actually a good month in receiving pledges. Discussion ensued about expenses under Properties. There was extensive discussion regarding how to better reflect information in the finance report with several members proposing changes in substance and layout. Charles and Meredith agreed to make the suggested revisions.

Introduction by Canon David Erickson

Canon David Erickson thanked the Vestry and shared his excitement to be part of the St. John's Cathedral family. He explained his plan to integrate himself and his visions by following a book entitled *The First 90 Days* which offers a 90-day approach broken down into three 30-day sections. He also expressed interest in meeting with each of the leadership councils and committees.

Worship Council

The Worship Council is still coming up with ideas. It is suggested that eventually all council members should be listed in a public setting. The Vestry would be responsible for providing the information to staff.

Parish Life Council

The Parish Life Council met earlier this month has gathered members and is still looking for more. They have come up with several goals, and Rally Day should be a huge event this year. The council is looking into finding a Coffee Hour coordinator, but for the time being, various ministry groups are encouraged to provide for Coffee Hour. The next meeting will be in September.

Christian Formation Council

The council has about fifteen people in it so far, has had two meetings, and will have another one later next week. They have divided into three sub-councils, for children, youth and adults, and are still coming up with plans.

Service and Outreach Council

Martha Cox explained that given her professional capacity in working with non-profit organizations, she was uncomfortable with the potential perception of a conflict of interest with her service on this council. She will therefore switch to a different council in the near future. She was applauded for bringing this to the attention of the Vestry and making the Vestry more aware of similar issues in the future. It was agreed that it is good practice that Vestry members disclose potential conflicts of interest on a regular basis.

The council is looking into doing a much more expanded Christmas gift market this year, with a more service-oriented angle.

Stewardship and Development Council

The council is coming up with a strategic plan concerning what goals the council wants to achieve in the next five years. The Fearless Committee, as part of the Stewardship and Development Council, is finalizing details for the pledge season. As part of Development, the Archives Committee has been reborn. The Archives Committee will eventually need funding to help preserve the cathedral's archives better. The Fearless Committee has also suggested that the Vestry and staff pledge early, so that the congregation can be informed and hopefully inspired to pledge.

Campus and Facilities Council

The Properties Committee has approved and recommends approval by the Vestry for the repair of the bell tower for \$90,000. The Preservation Board has already approved \$45,000 from the Preservation

Fund to start the project. \$45,000 will also come from the capital campaign that the cathedral has already raised. A motion was made by Martha Cox to approve the funding of the new bell tower as so described. Motion seconded by Ginny Myrick and approved unanimously by the Vestry.

The lighting and upgrading of the vacant lot for parking will be \$26,500. The Properties Committee has approved and recommends approval by the Vestry for the plan. The motion was made by Bonnie Hardman to have the funds come from the capital campaign to pay for the upgrading of the vacant lot. Motion seconded by Faye Wisner and approved by the Vestry.

The council is also looking into rerouting the traffic around the cathedral. They are also looking into bringing in the Urban Land Institute to show the cathedral and others in our immediate area what could be done to enliven our space. Potential uses for the Rotchford property are also being discussed.

Approval of CAP Board Nominees and Housing Allowance

It was determined that the housing allowance should be approved by the CAP Board, not the Vestry. Motion was made by Ginny Myrick to approve the board nominees. Motion seconded by Don Lester and approved by the Vestry.

Other

The Dean reported that Fr. Raja's visa application is still in process, and the cathedral is doing all it can to reach a resolution. Parishioners should be assured that the best course of action is to wait and not take further action on their own. There was further discussion regarding the steps taken and financial assistance.

The meeting closed in prayer.