

St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Oct. 15, 2015

Members Present:

John Adams, Bonnie Hardman, Joe O'Shields, Martha Cox, Charles Winney, Don Lester, Faye Wisner, Robert Hyde, Ryan Uitti, Steve Busey

Members Absent:

Ginny Myrick, Bill Erwin, Hud Berrey, Jim Jamison

Quorum:

Yes

Clergy/Staff Present:

Kate Moorehead, Carl Saxton, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk:

Tina Hutcheson

Devotional:

Devotion led by Lily Zabaneh

Moment of Gratitude:

Faye Wisner and Bonnie Hardman thanked Megan Cochran and Tom Holcomb for their devotion to the Yoga classes. Robert Hyde recognized Beth Wilson for her work organizing the Archives.

Approval of Minutes:

Bonnie Hardman made the motion to approve the minutes of September 17 as presented. Robert Hyde seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Finance Report:

Charles Winney reported that the audit is complete and the report is available for review. He explained that the only difference from prior years was that the statements changed to reflect three funds, as is the standard for a lot of non-profits and churches. He also reported that as it relates to the Preservation Fund, the market at the end of September was still below the beginning, so we can't take any money out of the Preservation Fund.

Meredith Cataland explained the operating report. She also gave an explanation of the Brown property lighting cost, which was a repair to the lighting on the dock and property. There was follow-up discussion regarding the audit and acceptance of the report. Robert Hyde clarified the use of GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) now as implemented by the auditors, and Charles Winney also offered further explanation.

Meredith gave the pledge report, compared it to last year. She also announced the upcoming event on November 7th to thank everyone who pledged.

Nominating Committee:

Robert Hyde reported on the first meeting. He discussed that in addition to the criteria in the bylaws itself, there will be some sort of statement of everything a Vestry member would be responsible for, noting that the main addition this year would be participation in councils. Faye Wisner also recommended that the Vestry look at their councilmembers and consider potential Vestry members. Ryan Uitti noted a deadline of December 15th to have names. Robert announced the next committee meeting would be at 5:00 p.m. directly before the next Vestry meeting.

Reports from Leadership Councils:

Worship, Music and Arts:

Faye Wisner suggested that the council reports rotate at each Vestry meeting. She reported that their next meeting is coming up and she is pleased with their direction. She explained that an appraisal was done of the five-piece "Tiffany set." It was determined to be English, but may have been purchased through Tiffany. Together with other items, a total appraisal is \$14,300 for replacement. No open market value could be estimated. She also reported that two candlesticks and two liquid candles were donated and used in the previous Sunday service and it seemed to make the service better for everyone at Cathedral Care. Fr. Carl also described gathering people to discuss interest in a Sunday evening service.

Parish Life:

Martha Cox reported and explained that the Parish Life Council is coalescing around three arenas, pastoral care, community building and welcoming newcomers. She noted that the goal is to have all plans published and out before the end of the year. Dean Kate added that they hope to produce a Cathedral quarterly about the councils and their work. Martha expounded on the quarterly, and Fr. Carl noted the deadline for quarterly articles is December 1st.

Christian Formation:

Joe O'Shields reported that there are 14 people on the committee and everyone is engaged. He noted that all members of the committee are involved in Christian Formation. He discussed that their work is not going to be easy, but they are very energized. He explained there are three things they need to do, one of which is to plan in advance. He discussed having a good church calendar reflecting things like art exhibits, music events, etc. He also discussed their need to work with other councils.

Service and Outreach:

Ryan Uitti reported that this group has been reviewing options for outreach and creating documents to review a given ministry. He anticipates the next steps to be determining which ones will be supported by the Cathedral. He added that the reports appear thoughtfully prepared. He also noted that the group is enthused about outreach, and he discussed the Cathedral's benevolence. Dean Kate dispersed and explained a report detailing how the Cathedral uses its facilities to minister, such as allowing non-profit organizations to use the buildings for free, and what monetary contributions that equals towards outreach.

Stewardship and Development:

Robert Hyde stated that there was no meeting, so he passed to Meredith Cataland to report.

Meredith explained a proposal for the formation of the St. John's Foundation Society which promotes the inclusion of the Cathedral in member estate planning. She stated that the plan is to model this society after

St. Philips Arbor Society in Atlanta. She submitted a recommendation for Vestry approval of this society formation. She further explained the plans surrounding formation and promotion of the society. She credited Fr. David with putting together the groundwork for this society. There was ensuing discussion during which the title was changed to St. John's Cathedral Legacy Society.

Martha Cox made the motion to create the St. John's Cathedral Legacy Society and that funds be allocated to create the needed promotional materials. Bonnie Hardman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Campus and Facilities:

Don Lester reported that the properties committee met earlier in the month. He noted that the bells are gone and that the repair work is at pace so that the bells should be in place and working by Christmas Eve. He reported on the progress on the vacant lot and lighting. He also discussed the Helen Lane grant related to the new audio equipment and commended Tim Engemann on getting quotes for that work. There was additional discussion regarding aesthetics of the equipment and its function in allowing the Cathedral to broadcast services and events. Don also offered Ginny Myrick's report in her absence. Kate shared a picture of the new banners that the DIA is paying for the Cathedral to have in the district. Bonnie Hardman inquired about when the traffic around the Cathedral would be rerouted. Don responded that his understanding was it would be perhaps within a month. Robert inquired whether the City was handling signage, and Don replied yes.

Dean's Report:

Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes

Dean Kate announced that the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) Conference will be February 24-26, 2016 in Denver. She discussed who might attend. Informational material was distributed as well as general conference information. She also addressed the 50th anniversary of Episcopal School of Jacksonville. She encouraged strong Vestry participation at the Founder's Day on March 15, 2016. She also noted a Dean's Forum on December 6th at which Episcopal School will produce a book in honor of their 50th anniversary. She added that some of the writers of the book would be part of the forum that day. She also stated that the new Headmaster of Episcopal, Adam Greene, will be the preacher at St. George's Evensong later in the spring.

Dean Kate also announced that she will be taking a sabbatical in May through July of 2016. She explained that she is working on a chapter book and plans to spend significant time writing, attending retreats and reading. She expressed confidence in Fr. David and Fr. Carl to handle the Cathedral in her absence. She also expressed her love for the Cathedral and her appreciation for the time to focus on reading, writing, and becoming an even better leader.

Vestry Leadership

Martha Cox proposed Vestry participation in a Kairos weekend the second weekend in November. She explained that Kairos is like Cursillo, but that it is done for people in prison. After short discussion, the Vestry agreed.

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes Submitted by: Tina Hutcheson