

**St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2016**

Members Present:

John Adams, Tommy Donahoo, Lindsey Riggs, Robert Hyde, Deborah Baker, Ginny Myrick, Joe O'Shields, Bill Fouraker, Faye Wisner, Charles Winney, Steve Busey

Members Absent:

Bill Erwin, Don Lester, Kirk Altman, Martha Cox

Quorum:

Yes

Clergy/Staff Present:

Kate Moorehead, David Erickson, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk:

Tina Hutcheson

Finance Committee Chair:

Dick Wilkerson

Devotional:

Led by Tommy Donahoo

Moment of Gratitude:

The Vestry members and those who traveled to Denver for the CEEP conference were recognized. Peggy Cobb and Jennifer Donahoo were recognized for her work with the Legacy Luncheon. Fouad and Karim Zabaneh were also recognized for their work with web streaming the service.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were amended. Ginny Myrick made the motion to approve the minutes. Bill Fouraker seconded. There was no further discussion and the minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

Preservation Fund Report:

Steve Busey gave a brief history of the Preservation Fund and its purpose. He described the work being done to better utilize the Fund and reported on a meeting with Bishop Howard regarding amendments to the Fund. There were subsequent questions and discussion by the Vestry.

Reports from Leadership Councils:

Christian Formation:

Joe O'Shields reported that they will be preparing a meeting schedule for the rest of the year. He also noted a meeting to discuss the adult formation program for 2016-2017 and discussed working with Ken Meyers. He also reported on the Civil Discourse program involving Gregg Kaufman and that the first meeting was a success and the program is ongoing.

Dean Kate mentioned that Joe will be at the Cathedral on Tuesdays working on adult formations.

Campus and Facilities:

Ginny Myrick reported on the status of the Rotchford House. She also presented the ULI report and submitted it to archives and explained the recommendations it contained. She also discussed the audio/visual problems at the Cathedral and a proposal she received for a professional to help run the equipment. Ginny and Dean Kate discussed possible options for resolution to the problems. There was follow-up discussion by the Vestry. Ginny also explained The Episcopal Church Building Fund and how it will potentially help with funding the Cathedral District.

Stewardship and Development:

Tommy Donahoo reported on their last meeting and the ideas that are being developed and strategies being explored. He discussed plans to better the Preservation Fund and the possible creation of a steering committee. He also reported on the Legacy Luncheon and the purpose of the Legacy Society. Fr. David Erickson discussed how the council is splitting to focus on both stewardship elements and development elements separately. The thank-you phone calls were also discussed.

Worship, Music and Arts:

Debbie Baker reported that their meeting will be on the 31st. She discussed the interest in readers and training. She also discussed the latest presentation in Taliaferro Hall and the upcoming opportunities related to art. She also reported on the new website.

Parish Life:

Lindsey Riggs reported that due to travel and illness, they haven't had a chance to meet, but that she did present a report. There was subsequent discussion related to how best to handle prayer requests. Dean Kate also encouraged wearing name tags.

Service and Outreach:

Bill Fouraker reported that they haven't had a meeting this year. He discussed an upcoming meeting on Sunday that Claude put together after the 11:00 service. He also presented a new

opportunity related to assisting in getting a microphone for the Dean at the Cathedral in Cuba. He also discussed moving the 7:00 a.m. Wednesday service to Ascension Chapel. He also mentioned issuing the new usher customary.

Dean and Clergy Report:

Fr. David Erickson explained the new website in detail. He also discussed meeting with each council to train on how to engage the new website and create their related pages, etc. He also mentioned the savings on our phone systems and internet.

Dean Kate discussed Sue joining the Bishop's staff and how the Cathedral will fill her position. She encouraged the Vestry to offer any suggestions of someone to consider for the position. She reported that Laura Saxton is temporarily helping to fill the responsibilities. She also announced an upcoming reception for Sue. The continued efforts to explore endowment raising was also discussed. Dean Kate also reported that she will attend an Urban Suburban Conference in CA. She also mentioned Mark Richardson is on his way to being ordained a Deacon and asked the Vestry to congratulate him if they see him. She also reported that the Bishop has approved Kirk Altman to begin the process to become a Deacon. She also asked for continued prayers for Pat Clance and Louise Hardman.

Finance Report:

Dick Wilkerson reported on a meeting with SunTrust Bank and new negotiations taking place. He also discussed the audit and the resolution to some discovered problems.

Meredith Cataland explained handouts and reported on income and expenses. She compared this year to last year, discussed the budget and fielded questions from the Vestry. She also gave an update on pledges.

Other:

ESJ new board candidates were submitted for Vestry approval. The nominees were Mark Laborde, Kelly Flanagan and Judge Don Lester. Each was announced and discussed. Ginny Myrick made a motion to approve the nominations. Bill Fouraker seconded. The nominations were unanimously approved.

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hutcheson