

**St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019**

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present

Martha Cox, Tommy Donahoo, Patricia Young-Jones, Forrest Andrews, Lindsey Riggs, Claude Moulton, Tom Burrell, John Sefton, Chris Steilberg, Bill Fouraker

Quorum:

Yes

Treasurer

Charles Winney

Clergy/Staff Present

Dean Kate, Meredith Cataland, Nicole Address, Cindy Cooper, David Busse

Devotion/Opening Prayer

Martha Cox led the opening prayer.

Moment of Gratitude

Thanks to the Finance Committee for all the work done on the budget.

Thanks to Maria and Pete from Powers Repair for their great job on the ramp.

Thoughts and prayers to Michalyn Palmer.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Bill Fouraker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 20. Tom Burrell seconded the motion. With no further discussion and no objection, the minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee Update

Tommy Donahoo provided an update on the nominations process. The slate of candidates was approved at the last meeting and a pamphlet listing the candidates for Vestry and Diocesan convention candidates was available starting last week. There are also meet and greet receptions for the candidates both last week and also this week.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

Continuing the discussion of proposed by-laws for the last meeting, a copy of the by-laws showing the proposed changes was distributed. The first change is to Article 4, Section 5, letter e discussion voting by email. The proposed change is to change it from being a unanimous vote to a majority vote. It was reiterated that the voting has to be two thirds of the quorum and that the reply should just be to the senior warden, not all of the Vestry. The results of the vote should be listed in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled Vestry meeting.

The second proposed change is to Article 3, section 2, letter f regarding that a spouse of an employee of one of the six fingers cannot be a Vestry candidate or a delegate nominee. The

proposed change is that a member of the Vestry shall not be a paid employee of the parish or a paid employee of any affiliated corporations and ministries.

Tom Burrell made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to the by-laws. Lindsey Riggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Finance Report

Meredith Cataland presented the monthly report and explained the handouts. The month of December has been closed but the year has not been closed yet.

2019 Budget

John Sefton provided an overview of the budget and explained that the biggest changes in the budget are from the creation and salaries of the development office which has already in the first year shown a pledge increase of \$106,000. He pointed that this was not a balanced budget as it is still drawing from the Saints Fund. He also pointed out that while the properties portion of the budget is about 25% total, the operating budget does not include the construction of the nursery. After discussion, Martha Cox made a motion to accept the budget with Lindsey Riggs seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

CAP – Approval of New Board Member

Cathedral Arts Project sent over information on a new board member, Kevin Hyde. After review, Martha Cox made a motion that this member be accepted. Patricia Young-Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Council Reports with Metrics

- Stewardship & Development – Every metric is better than last year regarding the pledge drive and we are ahead of where we were last year.
- Worship, Music, & Arts – No update available.
- Parish Life – They have started the Discovery program and have about forty people.
- Christian Formation – They are meeting this week and looking for Godly Play teachers. The Dean's Forum is going strong.
- Outreach – The new chair of the Outreach Council is Laura Lane.
- Properties – Chip Bachara will stay on the committee until May for transition purposes. The new chair will be Tim Miller. The broken and damaged tiles in the Sanctuary have been replaced and the timeline for the construction is in the April to May range.

Dean's Report

Dean Kate updated the Vestry on the Episcopal Church Building Fund (ECBF) board meeting that was held here in Jacksonville and that they were impressed with what is being done here.

The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) meeting is next month and they will be having a strategic planning meeting in the fall. They are also looking to hold their annual meeting in Jacksonville in 2021 with the Cathedral as the host.

Dean Kate also reminded the Vestry about the thank you reception on Tuesday, January 29 and invited everyone to attend.

Closing Prayer

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Andress.