

**St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2019**

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present

John Sefton, Martha Cox, Jayne Hill, Tom Burrell, Jane Lester, Joe Kincart, Claude Moulton, Chris Steilberg, Forrest Andrews, Martha Greene (by phone)

Quorum:

Yes

Treasurer

Charles Winney

Clergy/Staff Present

Dean Kate, Meredith Cataland, Nicole Andress

Devotion/Opening Prayer

Forrest Andrews led the opening prayer.

Moment of Gratitude

Thanks to Allen LaMontagne and Liesl Gavronsky for all the work with the Laugh In performance on Shrove Tuesday.

Thoughts to Joan Deyo for the life of Emil Kreshka.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Jane Lester made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 21 with one correction. Tom Burrell seconded the motion. With no further discussion and no objection, the minutes were approved.

2019 Vestry Meeting Dates

The discussion from the last meeting regarding the Vestry meeting dates was continued. At this time, the April 2019 meeting will be moved back a week due to Maundy Thursday. All other meetings will stay at the same time.

Laity Involvement and Leadership

Martha Cox provided a handout to the Vestry that discussed involving more people in the church and especially in leadership roles. It was suggested that this initiative be called the Leadership Guild and that there is a selection process to come up with a suggested slate of nominees. It was proposed that so that the elections are part of the annual meeting and that the members serve three terms that coincide with Vestry terms.

Finance Report

Meredith Cataland presented the monthly report and explained the handouts.

Council Reports with Metrics

- Stewardship & Development – They are meeting to begin planning for the 2020 pledge drive. They are also working on developing the Legacy Society and the Preservation Fund. In addition, fundraising for the Steve Busey Vestry Room is underway. The All American Boys Chorus will be visiting in July and the visit has been underwritten and they are planning to issue tickets to generate revenue.
- Worship, Music, & Arts – They met on Tuesday and discussed the upcoming events during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. They will be holding a training and appreciation event on May 5 after 11:00 service for acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, anointers, greeters, and ushers. They are planning to meet with Celeste in April to discuss the plans for the fourth service.
- Parish Life – They are still learning at this point after meeting with Bonnie Hardman and Donna Meyers-Perry. They are working on a process for the intake of newcomers and getting deeper in the pews to connect and engage.
- Christian Formation – They recently met and had a recap and discussion of tentative plans for the coming year. They are looking at having more events on Saturdays. They had a successful event off campus recently where they combined with other groups.
- Outreach – They are planning to be at the back of the church once a month to help people find a group.
- Properties – They distributed a handout outlining the recommendations for the Nursery which they wanted to bring up so that a decision could be made next month. The Finance Committee did have some concerns about where the money for the construction was coming from.

Dean's Report

Dean Kate informed the Vestry that Celeste Tisdelle will be the Canon for Parish Life and will be preaching on March 31. She will also be working with the Worship, Music, and Arts council on plans for a fourth service.

She also discussed that Father Jon Baugh would be joining the staff in a non-stipendiary role. He will be meeting with the Bishop in the beginning of April and will be attending the April Vestry meeting to meet the Vestry.

Dean Kate let the Vestry know that her new executive assistant, Amanda Benson, didn't work out and they are now looking for a replacement.

She also let them know that she is a member of the board of CEEP and she is looking at possibly hosting it at the Cathedral in a few years. There was some concern about maintaining the political diversity of the Cathedral as the keynote speaker at this year's CEEP was divisive.

Closing Prayer

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Andress.