

St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present:

Tommy Donahoo, John Sefton, Claude Moulton, Kirk Altman, Faye Wisner, Joe O'Shields, Martha Cox, Lindsey Riggs, Debbie Baker, Patricia Young-Jones, Chris Steilberg, Steve Busey, Charles Winney

Members Absent:

Bill Fouraker, Robert Hyde

Quorum:

Yes

Clergy/Staff Present:

Kate Moorehead, David Erickson, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk:

Tina Hutcheson

Finance Committee Chair:

Dick Wilkerson

Devotion:

Led by Martha Cox

Moment of Gratitude:

Joe O'Shields thanked Diane Larson and Elise Higbe for their leadership of Alpha at Epworth. Dean Kate thanked Tom Serwatka for his work on the mission statement during the Vestry Retreat. Charles Winney thanked Kirk Altman for the work that Boy Scouts do at the Cathedral. Kirk Altman followed by thanking everyone at the Cathedral for supporting the Scouts. He also thanked Debbie Scroggins for her help in the kitchen. Tommy Donahoo thanked Bill Erwin for all his years of service on the Vestry. John Sefton thanked Dick Wilkerson for his service on the Finance Committee and his continued support. Dick also thanked the Vestry for support of the Finance Committee.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Faye Wisner made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. Kirk Altman seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved. (New members abstained)

Welcome of New Vestry Members:

Everyone introduced themselves and their roles.

Jr. Warden/Secretary/Treasurer:

Chris Steilberg made a motion that Charles Winney remain Treasurer. Kirk Altman seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved. Kirk Altman made a motion that Faye Wisner become Secretary. Lindsey Riggs seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved. Lindsey Riggs made a motion that Martha Cox become Junior Warden. Joe O'Shields seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was approved.

Finance Report:

John Sefton presented and explained the finance report. He reported that David Busse will head as Chair of the Finance Committee. There was brief discussion during which Meredith Cataland and Charles Winney offered more detail.

Proposal from Center for Prayer and Spirituality/DOK:

Dean Kate explained the Daughters of the King (DOK). She discussed potential plans for the Rotchford House to be used as a Mother House/Center for Prayer and Spirituality for the DOK. There was brief discussion, and Dean Kate stated that a more detailed report will come at next month's Vestry meeting.

Warden's Report – Tommy Donahoo stated that he is honored to be Senior Warden. He discussed council reports being presented through a consent agenda. He also discussed Fr. Raja Zabaneh's insurance. He also mentioned potential options around the Brown House and possibly selling the property. He and Meredith also discussed Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People with the new Vestry members.

Reports from Leadership Councils (≤ 5 mns)

- **Christian Formation** – Kirk Altman discussed how the Boy Scouts is a ministry. He expressed thanks for Cathedral support. He reported on upcoming opportunities and that the Scouts may go to Scotland next year. Joe O'Shields reported that the Adult Formation program is doing very well. He also mentioned a major speaker from Baylor University who is coming to speak in the first part of October.
- **Parish Life** – Lindsey Riggs reported that Tom Vickery has agreed to be the chair of the Parish Life Council. She announced a newcomer social on May 11. She also reported that the 4th Sunday of every month will be the Parish Life Council meeting.
- **Worship, Music & Art** – Faye Wisner discussed the need for ushers. She also commented on a need for a Hospitality Committee. Dean Kate announced that The American Guild of Organists will be here in the Summer.
- **Outreach** – Claude Moulton reported that he is glad that Laura Lane accepted the post of Chair and that she is doing an excellent job. He announced that they have selected hunger as their primary focus. He also reported that the Outreach Council has agreed to participate in the Church Without Walls lunch on May 21st. He also mentioned that the Diocesan Cuba Committee is meeting at the Cathedral immediately following the convention.
- **Properties** – Dean Kate explained that the lights are being replaced with LED. Air handlers throughout the building will also be replaced. She also mentioned the new sign in the garden.

- **Campus** – Dean Kate discussed the work that Ginny Myrick has been doing in the district. She brought three nominees, Jeff Spence, Steve Kelley, and Peter Kaplan, for board members for approval to the Cathedral District-Jax board. She briefly discussed each nominee. Claude Moulton made a motion to accept the nominees. Faye Wisner seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was accepted.
- **Development** – Chris Steilberg discussed the energy and ideas of the council. He mentioned that pledge thank-you calls have been made. He also discussed the assembly of leadership for the annual stewardship theme. Fr. David Erickson briefly discussed a new accounting structure which will be presented next month. He also explained the Preservation Fund Endowment Initiative, which includes the work of consultant Jerry Henry.

Other:

Dean Kate asked CEEP participants to report to the Vestry. She also mentioned that the Diocesan Convention Eucharist will be on the 23rd of March and encouraged the Vestry to attend. Debbie Baker discussed opportunities for Cathedral recognition pointing out that the diocesan magazine had no mention of the Cathedral.

Executive Session:

Dean Kate moved the Vestry into Executive Session, after which the Vestry meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hutcheson