

St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present:

Tommy Donahoo, John Sefton, Claude Moulton, Joe O'Shields, Martha Cox, Faye Wisner, Bill Fouraker, Lindsey Riggs, Debbie Baker, Patricia Young-Jones, Chris Steilberg, Robert Hyde

Members Absent:

Kirk Altman

Quorum:

Yes

Treasurer:

Charles Winney

Clergy/Staff Present:

Kate Moorehead, David Erickson, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk:

Tina Hutcheson

Guests:

Tom Serwatka

Devotion:

Led by Tommy Donahoo

Moment of Gratitude:

Kate thanked Donna Meyers-Perry for her work on the art exhibit reception. Tommy thanked Ginny Myrick for District work. Martha thanked the choir for excellent music. Lindsey thanked Susan Corey for her work with the confirmation classes.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Tommy Donahoo briefly mentioned that he assisted in the wording of the accounting structure portion of the minutes. Claude Moulton made a motion to accept the last meeting minutes. Lindsey Riggs seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent Agenda, consisting of council reports and financial reports, was provided to the Vestry.

Introduction of Rev. Allen LaMontagne:

Dean Kate introduced Rev. Allen LaMontagne. She explained that she and Allen were ordained by the same Bishop. She stated that Allen retired to Atlantic Beach to be near family. She explained that through a two-year donation from parishioners, he is here part time to work with the youth. Allen then provided more in-depth history of his experience and the feeling of community that he felt at St. John's. He briefly discussed partnering with Devanne Jones and the parents, and expressed his gratitude for being invited back into ministry in such a vital role of working with the youth. Upon request, Dean Kate will distribute Allen's resume to the Vestry.

Presentation of Mission Statement/Strategic Plan:

Tom Serwatka presented a PowerPoint presentation he put together from everyone's participation at the Vestry Retreat focusing on a Mission Statement/Strategic Plan. He walked through the presentation slides and gathered more input from the Vestry to work more on the Mission and Vision Statements. The Council representatives will take the goals back to their councils and brainstorm about other people who may be helpful.

Update on Rotchford Property/Brown House:

Tommy gave update on the Brown House. He advised that the first offer has been received, though it is low. There was discussion regarding what action should be taken. Dean Kate suggested a task force of Vestry members be formed to handle the negotiations. Debbie Baker, John Sefton, Lindsey Riggs and Tommy Donahoo agreed to serve on the task force. Martha made a motion that the task force be authorized to negotiate a contract on behalf of the Vestry to be no less than \$725,000 as is. The Vestry would make a formal resolution to accept. Chris seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Dean Kate gave update on the Rotchford property. She advised that the immigration law firm that was originally to occupy the ground floor had pulled out and will not lease the property. She stated that Ginny is doing more work, and that hopefully by the next Vestry meeting, there will be more information to share. Dean Kate discussed the possibility of placing Fr. Raja and his family into the first floor. The DOK continues with plans to occupy the second floor.

Other:

Claude Moulton brought up the situation of the state of cleanliness in the kitchen and acknowledged that the Properties Committee is working on it. Dean Kate stated that a pest control company has been employed.

Dean Kate excused herself. Fr. David Erickson explained how clergy housing allowance is designated. He was clear that no compensation will change, only Kate's housing allowance. Martha Cox made a motion to designate \$45,360 of Dean Kate's total compensation for 2017 and all future years unless otherwise provided to be a housing allowance. John Sefton seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hutcheson