

**St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017**

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Tommy Donahoo, Kirk Altman

Quorum:

Yes

Treasurer:

Charles Winney

Chancellor:

Steve Busey

Clergy/Staff Present:

Kate Moorehead, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk:

Tina Hutcheson

Guests:

Barbara Swindell
Carrie Atkins
Donna Meyers-Perry

Devotion:

Provided by Faye Wisner

Moment of Gratitude:

Bill Fouraker acknowledged Robert Hyde's recent marriage. Chris Steilberg expressed gratefulness for making it through the storm. Martha Cox thanked Chip Bachara for leading Properties and for his dedication and willingness to help however he can. Claude Moulton expressed gratitude for the online service during

the storm. Dean Kate thanked Fouad Zabaneh for staying at the Cathedral to livestream the service.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:

Bill Fouraker made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Claude Moulton seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

Brown House/Rotchford House:

Dean Kate introduced realtors Barbara Swindell and Carrie Atkins to give update on the Brown House.

Ms. Swindell gave a brief history of the property listing. She discussed the listing price and offers received. She and Ms. Atkins reported on the property condition since the hurricane and also provided information on needed repairs. There was additional discussion regarding listing strategy, repairs and possible upgrades.

Finance Report:

Meredith Cataland distributed financial reports via email prior to the meeting. John Sefton reported that things are on budget.

Pledge Drive Update:

Chris Steilberg reported that the campaign seemed to be resonating well with the congregation. He stated that nearly all councils are participating well. He discussed that people are volunteering to do videos and enjoying telling stories. He expressed hope that the campaign will go beyond the annual pledge drive.

Development Planning:

Dean Kate introduced Bill and Lynda Erwin to discuss the Endowment Initiative Committee, its goals and the research they've conducted regarding the need for a Development Office and a Director. There was discussion regarding certified fundraiser salary and office structure. The Erwins strongly encouraged Vestry support in developing a long-term Development Office.

Reports from Leadership Councils (≤ 5 mns)

- **Parish Life** – Patricia Young-Jones reported that the shepherds are reaching out to the congregation to check on everyone since the hurricane.
- **Outreach** – Claude Moulton reported that two events were postponed because of the hurricane. He will update on new dates as they're decided.

- **Christian Formation** – Joe O’Shields reported that the Fall program is progressing nicely. He discussed the Dean’s Forum and Cathedral 101 on Sunday mornings. He also discussed the upcoming visits of Rev. Christopher Martin, Dr. Philip Jenkins and also Rev. Billy Cervený. There was brief discussion regarding filming or streaming those events.
- **Worship, Music & Arts** – Debbie Baker reported that they have not met since August. Donna Meyers-Perry spoke briefly on database cleanup and working with the Ministry Scheduler program.
- **Properties** – Martha Cox reported she is working on obligations from last month. Dean Kate updated that Raja and his family will stay in the Brown House a little longer. Martha also stated that she and Chip Bachara have walked the Brown property and have a better handle on what needs to be done.

Dean’s Report:

Dean Kate reported that there is a lot going on. She stated that Carl Worrell has departed and Donna Meyers-Perry is doing a wonderful job. She also mentioned that Nancy Purcell is doing a great job in her new position, and that also Rev. Allen LaMontagne is doing very well and helping out quite a bit. She reported that the immigrant ministry is exploding and invited the Vestry to a short presentation on Sunday. She also discussed the growing online congregation and how to manage it. She also discussed the progress of the District and the potential for a special Vestry meeting next month.

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hutcheson