

Vestry Meeting Minutes
1/19/23
6:00 p.m.
St John's Cathedral

Call to Order- 6 pm

Opening Devotion- Glenn Guiler

Members Present- Barbara Fiser, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian, Patrick Kimball, Lloyd Lewis, Lisa McKenna, Claude Moulton, John Sefton

Members Absent- Donna Walker Bell, Chris Collinsworth, Will Ketchum, Meg Sacks, Tom Serwatka

Clergy and Staff Present- Dean Kate Moorehead Carroll, Megan Cochran

Quorum- yes

Moment of Gratitude

Lisa McKenna- Scott Hill for doing so much, especially cleaning out the mezzanine and everywhere else. John Sefton- Sharon Brown at the nursing home. Kate- John Sefton for his steadfast service. Glenn Guiler- Debbie Johnson for her kindness and follow through.

Approval of Minutes

Dean Kate asked the members to review the minutes from the December 16, 2022 meeting. After time for review, Glenn Guiler moved to approve the minutes as presented, and Patrick Kimball seconded the motion. All members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Annual Meeting and Elections

The diocese has postponed the diocesan convention until after the issues of the bishop election are resolved, meaning we cannot elect new vestry members or delegates and current members who should be rolling off will have to remain in the vestry until we can vote for new members. We will still have our annual meeting on February 5, 2023 with a lunch and presentations.

EPN Conference

Dean Kate shared we are blessed to have the national church and international clergy coming here. She asked members to consider registering and going. We will host a networking lunch Thursday March 9, 2023. We will also host worship, a reception and tours on Friday night March 10, 2023, and members are invited to attend to represent the Cathedral.

Staff Updates

Mark is taking over facilities for the foreseeable future. Pam is taking over Newcomer and Parish Life work with the help of a new part time assistant, Michaela Gibbons. Pam is a marvel who came on as a part time children's choir director and has just taken on more and more. Linda Rosengren is moving to Atlanta to be closer to family and Owene Courtney is coming in to take care of children's ministries.

Financial Update

Members reviewed the giving report for the 12 months ended December 2022. Giving is up slightly, as it often is at the end of the year. Today we received a 50k donation for the water intrusion remediation. The donor suggested asking parishioners to donate to match.

Senior Warden Report

John Sefton updated vestry on administrative and financial topics.

Dean's Report

Dean Kate has speaking engagements coming up in North Carolina and San Antonio. We are going to be able to supply St. Philips for three months so they have time to discern how they want to proceed with finding a new rector. She hopes we can keep growing in our relationship with them and be supportive.

Council Reports

WMA

Patrick Kimball reported that this Sunday is CAP Sunday. Youngsters will participate in worship and afterwards Rev. Kim Hyatt will be speaking about CAP in Ingram Lounge. CAP artwork is on display in Taliaferro. This is an example of maintaining a good relationship with one of the nonprofits we birthed. Evensong coming up on February 26th. The bookstore will be open during EPN and will set up at the conference. Madame Butterfly is this month's Art at Noon outing on 2/1. March 28-31 they are taking the art walk group to DC during the Cherry Blossom festival. The bookstore groups are amazing and reach to the heart of what we are trying to do to get people together and develop relationships. And the first Monday book club continues. A lot of volunteer time goes into these groups.

Outreach

Paige Hakimian reported that outreach council had two big takeaways- One, they really need to expand the council and diversify the gender and age of the group. Paige is looking forward to EPN to learn how to attract members to the council. Two, how to keep councils from cannibalizing one another. Kate asked Paige to talk about the leadership and goal development class she is mentoring. The group is made up of 15- to 18-year-old girls from Nigeria, Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Ecuador. While in Jacksonville to play basketball, they live in one apartment together. The focus of Paige's time with them is covering financial acumen, navigating college websites and contacting coaches to get scholarships and opportunities.

Pastoral Care

Dean Kate reported that we are trying to get more lay people licensed to be Eucharistic Visitors. The anointer's ministry is growing. Notebird has helped us keep track of visitations.

Parish Engagement

Glenn Guiler reported the council had a meeting on Sunday. The council would like to add more members, take more ownership of events and when we have newcomer's gatherings the council would like to expose newcomers to a taste of what is going on in the church and connect them to new ministries.

Development

As of today, Jan. 19, 2023, we have met our goal of having our members pledge at least \$1.5 million towards our 2023 Campaign. Last year we had 339 households pledge \$1,459,627 dollars towards the 2022 campaign.

We currently have 327 households that have pledged over \$1.5 million dollars towards the 2023 campaign.

The Council is working on a legacy society and highlighting a donor every few months.

Properties

Phase 2 of pressure washing is almost complete. Will hopefully have timeline for music suite renovations. EPP is draft in progress. Lloyd Lewis reported the next meeting is 2/7 and hopefully a solution can be reached. Backflow preventers need to be replaced which will be more cost effective than repairing. We own three, not four like JEA had stated. Brown House painting is almost finished.

Formation

Barbara Fiser reported the council had a meeting Tuesday led by Owene. Adult formation is under Owene, Rev Linda Privitera and Joe O'Shields. Rev. Linda Privitera continues leading Quiet Garden Mornings on the second Saturday of each month. St. Mary's in Springfield will host the March QGM. Fr. Eric is having Cathedral at the Beaches. Joe and Linda will start a discussion on the Gospel of John. Fr. Eric is leading a series of stand-alone classes on unnamed women of the bible. Owene shared upcoming themes of the Quarterlies. Hoping to have an icon workshop led by Theresa Harrison in Advent 2023.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Megan Cochran