

**St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2022**

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present

Donna Walker Bell, Chris Collinsworth, Barbara Fiser, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian, Patrick Kimball, Claude Moulton, Meg Sacks, John Sefton

Members Absent

Will Ketchum, Lloyd Lewis, Lisa McKenna, Tom Serwatka

Quorum:

Yes

Clergy and Staff Present

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Dean; Rev. Mark Anderson, Subdean; Debbie Johnson, Director of Operations; Megan Cochran, Executive Assistant to the Dean

Devotion

Meg Sacks gave the devotion.

Moment of Gratitude

Meg Sacks expressed gratitude for people's generosity with Angel Tree and the procession of gifts. Patrick Kimball is grateful for Jacque Huber donating the beautiful quilts to be sold. Barbara Fiser is grateful for Michalyn Palmer and all she has done with the Celebration Singers. They have come a long way under her tutelage. Fr. Mark expressed gratitude for The Cathedral School for achieving 30 consecutive perfect DCF reports.

Approval of Minutes for Month Day 2022

Moved to approve by John Sefton, seconded by Donna Walker Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Update

Debbie Johnson provided an overview of the financial information. The information included the following: the income statement for the eleven months ended November 30, 2022, including the related variance analysis, the cash flow recap as of the end of November, and the contribution comparison between 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 through the last week of November. Johnson encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

Budget Discussion

The current pledge total for 2023 is \$1,483,118.00, which is \$130,000.00 over last year. We have added 25 new families. Our pledge goal is \$1.5 million, and to be realistic we are budgeting for \$1.4 million. Total income is projected to be \$ 2.3 million. Members reviewed the 2023 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee. Donna Walker Bell moved to approve as presented. Meg Sacks seconded. The budget was passed unanimously as presented.

Council Reports

Parish Engagement:

Donna Walker Bell asked the vestry, on behalf of the council, if they would lead or participate in small groups for Lent. There could be a kickoff event supported and attended by the vestry. The parish needs small groups to take ownership of coffee hours, breakfasts and special occasion dinners.

WMA: Patrick Kimball reported that the St. Nicholas Service took a lot of work to prepare but only 5 children participated. The council needs to look into why and if can improve communication and timing.

Doug Eng art will be displayed through Jan 1, 2023. On Jan 8 we will begin displaying CAP art. Upcoming events and services are Christmas, New Year's Lessons and Carols and CAP Sunday, a celebration of the history and relationship between CAP and St. John's. The next Art at Noon, Madame Butterfly, will be in person. There will be a production of Mother Goose at the Cathedral School in the spring. There will be a trip to D.C. in the spring to see the cherry blossoms.

Properties:

Debbie Johnson reported the exterior cleaning is being done in phases. Currently on phase 2 in the Bishop's Garden and Burwell Court. EPP is in progress to provide guidance to the staff in different kinds of emergencies. A draft is under review. The Brown House painting will be completed in January. The committee is looking into increasing lighting in Cathedral Park.

Formation:

Barbara Fiser reported that in lieu of a meeting the council shared documents to update one another. The council would like the Vestry to consider hiring a director. Meg Sacks and Chris Collinsworth felt that could help attract and retain families.

Sr. Warden's Report

John Sefton updated the members on the nomination process. We have 8 nominees. Dean Kate asked that they are told it is okay to not be elected. John added that he lost 3 times and that ushers are often elected most often because they are the most recognizable to the congregation.

Subdean's Report

Parochial Report- We are working on structuring what we submit fairly and appropriately
Cathedral School- The facilities task force is the one with the most complicated work ahead of them. There is a huge waiting list for the youngest children but the wait list and demand decreases with an increase in the children's age. The school must figure out if it wants to grow and how to do so. The task force must keep in mind the families that are currently enrolled as well as the ones on the waiting list, as well as the school's place within the Cathedral District. Rev. Anderson encouraged members with insight to come to him.

Dean's Report

Election Update- The Court of Review will decide by mid-January if the election was valid. If they find that the election was valid, then it is up to the House of Bishops and Standing Committees to give consent or not.
EPN Conference- This year's conference will be held in Jacksonville March 8-11th at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. We will be the host church, and will hold a networking lunch, an evening prayer and tours here. We will send 2nd year Vestry members, but all others are encouraged to attend. Dean Kate will participate in one of the Keynote Conversations. Other important speakers are Jon Meachum, Archbishop Thabo Makoba, Bishop Vincentia Kgabe and Dr. Sam Wells. Many vibrant ministries spring up from inspiration found at these conferences. We hope to have many parishioners attend and volunteer.

Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by Megan Cochran