

St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2022

6:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting begins

Members Present

John Sefton, Paige Hakimian, Glenn Guiler, Barbara Fiser, Meg Sacks, Tom Serwatka, Donna Walker Bell, Claude Moulton, Lisa Mckenna, Will Ketchum, Charles Winney

Quorum:

Yes

Guests, 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

Donna Walker Bell gave the devotion.

Moment of Gratitude

Donna Walker Bell expressed gratitude for Bonnie Hardman as chair of the Parish Life Council. Glenn Guiler gave thanks for the Sanctuary Guild, and especially Faye Wisner, for moving so gracefully through the many changes we experience. He described them as a quiet, reverent group of people who make it happen. Dean Kate expressed gratitude for Nancy Purcell getting our message out there.

Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2022

Moved to approve by Donna Walker Bell, seconded by Tom Serwatka. 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 four months ended July 31, 2022 including the related variance analysis, the cash flow recap as of the end of July, and the contribution comparison between 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 through the last week of July. Johnson encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

Sr. Warden's Report

UF JaxLabs- John Sefton reported that the JaxLabs program has begun but is in an alternative location downtown awaiting lease approval from UF. Some renovations have already taken place and more will be done once the lease is signed.

By-law Changes – Sefton provided “clean-up” amendments to the articles of incorporation for The Cathedral Arts Project, The Cathedral School of Jacksonville, The Cathedral Foundation (Aging True) and Cathedral District-Jax. The amendments are designed to make the governing documents more uniform and provide clarification. Members present signed to approve. Members unable to attend in person signed via DocuSign.

Episcopal Elections

Dean Kate provided an update on the legal challenge to the election of Bishop Coadjutor and the Court of Review findings that were released earlier in the week.

Cathedral School

Rev. Mark shared that the cathedral had hosted a planning day for the Cathedral School teachers and staff on Monday. Mark and Dn. Linda Rosengren will be at the first day of school to welcome families and students.

Chapel services have increased to weekly for the 22-23 school year. The board will hold a retreat soon to explore the question “what does it mean to be a Cathedral school?” as they look ahead for a 5-year plan.

Council Reports

Parish Engagement- Donna Walker Bell updated members on Rally Day Plans

Pastoral Care – Tom Serwatka shared that biggest challenge is that people don’t ask for care or let us know what is going on in their lives. The Anointing Ministry will start back up in September. When people call the main line, they can now press #4 to reach a clergy person.

Properties – Lisa McKenna provided updates on water intrusion remediation, Music Suite renovations, ongoing eagle scout projects, bids for painting the Brown House and the Safety and Security Task Force.

Outreach – Paige Hakimian expressed high praise for Chairperson Lynn Doiron. She provided updates for upcoming events and reported that there is much interest in helping with refugee resettlement. They are looking for 5 parishioners who might take on roles in this ministry.

Formation – Barbara Fiser acknowledged that the council is run primarily by staff and offered to assist as needed.

Stewardship – Will Ketchum described the upcoming pledge campaign.

Dean’s Report

Dean Kate discussed Parish Survey results, primarily that we have more women than men and a very large virtual congregation. She said ministry leaders can look at the results and demographics for possible outreach opportunities. She will teach a 4-week class on ChurchNext in late October to mid-November. She explained about the EPN - Episcopal Parish Network- Conference that will be hosted in March 2023.

SubDean’s Report

See Cathedral School update

Closing Prayer

Minutes submitted by Megan Cochran