



Vestry Meeting Minutes- Draft
Thursday October 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.
St John's Cathedral

Call to Order: 6 pm

Members Present: John Bass, Donna Walker Bell, Martha Cox, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian, Lewis Hunt, Will Ketchum, Lloyd Lewis, Lisa McKenna, Shane Williams

Members Absent: Chris Collinsworth, Patrick Kimball, Meg Sacks

Others Present: Charles Winney, Treasurer; Jennifer Glassmoyer, GuideServe; Ginny Myrick, CD-Jax; Kieth Daw, Diocese of FL.

Clergy and Staff Present: The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean; The Rev. Mark Anderson, Subdean; Megan Cochran

Quorum: Yes

Opening Devotion: Lisa McKenna shared a Prayer of the Holy Spirit.

Approval of Minutes: Upon review of the September 19, 2024 meeting minutes, Donna Walker Bell motioned to approved the minutes as presented and Glenn Guiler seconded. All present voted in favor of accepting the minutes as presented.

Moment of Gratitude: Donna Walker Bell is grateful to Linda Privitera for heading up the Laramie Project and to Felicia Bullock for helping with the reception. Martha Cox is grateful to Thom Buttner and Kevin McKinney for creating the beautiful tree for the pledge campaign.

Financial Report: Jennifer Glassmoyer presented the Financial Report for the year through September 30, 2024. Pledge contributions are still trailing slightly behind budget, but this is being offset by the unpledged contributions that are coming in above budget. While some expenses are tracking over budget, overall, expenses are on track for the year and the overages are being offset by savings in other places.

Cathedral District Jax Update: Ginny Myrick, President and CEO of CD-Jax, explained that the mission of CD-Jax is to identify unused property that can be developed and bring it to market. The newest project is the Methodist church parking lot and Duval Trio properties next to the Cathedral School on Duval Street. CD-J delivered a letter of intent to the First United Methodist Church indicating a desire to combine the parking lot with the Duval Trio property to build garden apartments and lofts on the combined properties. Downtown Investment Authority owns the Duval Trio property. The Cathedral District is too far from the river for luxury living but is appropriate for workforce and affordable housing. Myrick discussed funding for the project and the Cathedral's role in the process. If the Cathedral were to fund this project, it would be in the form of a loan that would be repaid with interest. The process will take approximately 24 months. Three members of the real estate committee of CD-Jax have loaned CD-Jax \$25k for the deposit on the project. Chancellor Steve Busey recommends moving forward with the process, noting that a resolution to move forward would not commit the Cathedral other than to enter into a contract and pursue due diligence, with a decision to commit to the purchase prior to the end of due diligence. Based on on input from John Sefton, Martha Cox motioned to:

RESOLVED, that the parish (i) pursue purchase of the First Methodist parking lot property (being 4 contiguous lots) at the SE corner of Duval and Newnan streets by executing a contract as outlined in the Letter of Intent and (ii) pursue due diligence on a possible purchase, including an environmental assessment, title commitment and survey.

Donna Walker Bell seconded the motion and all members presented voted in favor of adopting the resolution.

Diocesan Report: COO of the Diocese of Florida, Keith Daw, joined the Vestry meeting to update members on administrative and ministerial work the diocese is doing. Daw is excited to be working with liaison Will Ketchum to strengthen the relationship between the Cathedral and the Diocese again. While the cathedral has had alternative oversight of marriages so that we can marry same gender couples, Daw explained that the Standing Committee, as the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, honors and upholds national church policies and will allow parishes to perform same gender marriages in accordance with canons of the national church, and the Cathedral will no longer need to seek alternative oversight. Daw explained funding sources for the Diocese and disciplines the Standing Committee is taking on to ensure the financial health of the Diocese moving forward.

Council Reports

- **Formation:** There are four baptisms coming up
- **Outreach:** October meeting was delayed due to hurricane Milton and so there was no report.
- **Stewardship and Development:** So far there are 60 pledges for a total of 30% of the goal.
- **Parish Engagement:** The next meeting is Sunday 10/20/24
- **Pastoral Care:** Two members have resigned due to other commitments, but there are three new Eucharistic Visitors and four EV communion kits have been repaired and added to the supply.
- **Properties:** Music Suite renovation should be complete by the end of October. We have just entered into a contract with Pinnacle Roofing to repair the third-floor roof for \$151k.
- **Worship, Music and Arts:** The Laramie project was well received and very moving.

Senior Warden's Report: Paige Hakimian and Lloyd Lewis will run again which leaves a need for three nominees. Communication sessions for the slate elections will begin on October 27. Delegates selected will likely be voting in the next bishop's election.

Subdean's Report: There are complexities in our children's and youth formation programs related to ministering to neurodiverse children and youth, but Feleicia Bullock is working on setting up a training program for staff, volunteers and caregivers that will be open to the diocese. We are working on getting caught up on the 2023 audit. Chef Eleni is no longer working for the Cathedral.

Dean's Report: The Homelessness Commission is working on long-term planning. EPN will meet in Kansas City this year. The middle class of Vestry members are encouraged to attend. Celebration Singers and Foyer Groups were birthed by a vestry member who came back from EPN inspired by what she experienced. The Cathedral is hosting a watch party for the investiture of the new Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe. An Attender Survey is being sent out so that the national church can make decisions for the future of the church.

Closing Prayer: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the members reciting the Lord's Prayer.