

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
January 23, 2006**

Vestry Members in attendance: Hal Cato, Shelton Clark, Steve Ezell, Jennifer Johnston, Carroll Kimball, Joanne Knight, Jamie Kyne, Walker Mathews, John Stone, Judy Wright, Stanford Adams, Ken King, Marian Ott, Libby Patterson, Pete Stringer. Clergy present: Ken Swanson, Geoffrey Butcher, Anne Stevenson, Matthew Corkern. Also present: Eileen Hosking.

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 23, 2006. Dean Ken Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:35.

The Dean asked the Vestry to nominate Stanford Adams to be clerk of the Vestry. So nominated, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of the Vestry.

Matthew Corkern gave the meditation.

• **Dean's Report:**

- The Dean made announcements regarding the proceedings of the Vestry. Vestry deliberations and minutes are public, except when the Vestry is in executive session.
- The Dean discussed outreach ministries. Outreach work has been divided into two committees: service ministries (supporting organizations) and the social action committee (supporting advocacy efforts). In 2005 the social action committee supported two organizations: Covenant Association (a consortium of mainline churches in Nashville) and Tying Nashville Together. Covenant has largely ceased to function. The Dean and the social action committee have concerns about TNT's operations and fiscal accountability, and the social action committee quit giving money to TNT in October 2005. The social action committee had allocated \$3,000 to TNT and \$8,000 to Covenant in 2005.

The Dean proposed to change the mission of the social action committee from advocacy to reconciliation. The Dean recommends that the Vestry create a reconciliation commission as part of the outreach cluster and that the money that used to be used for social action be appropriated to the reconciliation commission. The Cathedral already has several reconciliation efforts underway: The Cathedral has been invited to become a Community of the Cross of Nails, and the Cathedral has also expanded its relationship with Yale Center for Faith and Culture. The Cathedral is expected to make a \$1,000 annual donation to the Community of the Cross of Nails. The Dean proposed to partner with Yale Center. The Cathedral will pay travel expenses and other expenses for two events per year in Nashville. The Dean recommended a three-year commitment to the Center.

The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the block grant formerly used for social action be appropriated to the reconciliation committee.* The Vestry unanimously approved.

- The Dean and the wardens have met twice in the last month with the rectors and wardens of St. George's and St. Bartholomew's. The three parishes plan to caucus at convention and also prior to and after the Episcopate walk-around. Jamie Kyne reported on his lunch with Lisa Hunt, rector of St. Ann's. The Vestry discussed the episcopate election.

- **Approval of Minutes from December 2005 Meeting:** The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approve the minutes of the December 2005 Vestry meeting.* Unanimously approved by the Vestry.
- **Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liaisons**
 - **Outreach:** Libby Patterson submitted a written report. Tues. 1/31 will be the first cluster meeting of the year.
 - Libby Patterson presented the service ministries budget for 2006. The Vestry discussed the rental assistance program proposed by the service ministries committee. The Vestry discussed concerns regarding the program, and several members asked for additional details on the program. The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approve the service ministries budget as proposed, except for the rental assistance allocation.* The Vestry unanimously approved.
 - The committee will present a global missions budget at the February Vestry meeting. The global missions committee has \$11,000 left from the 2005 budget. The Vestry discussed policies regarding unspent money in the outreach budgets. The following resolutions were introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the \$11,000 unspent from the 2005 global missions block grant be rolled to the 2006 block grant amount. Further resolved, that the global missions and service ministries committees be directed to spend their entire block grant allocations during the calendar year for which the block grant is approved; the committees must present their proposals to spend any surplus designated funds to the Vestry prior to the end of the calendar year.* The Vestry unanimously approved both resolutions.
 - **Membership Care:** Joanne Knight submitted a written report.
 - **Spiritual Formation:** Shelton Clark submitted a written report and passed out an addendum.
 - **Property and Personnel:** Eileen Hosking submitted a written report. The Vestry retreat cost \$54.10 for each Vestry member, and Eileen asked that each Vestry member send this amount to her. The light poles along Broadway are not yet correct and will be replaced. The handicapped lift will be installed in Cheek Hall next Monday.
 - **Finance and Stewardship:**
 - Marian Ott presented the 2006 budget. The Dean reported that the Vestry had an informational meeting on January 15, 2006 to discuss the budget. Eileen reported that pledges are currently \$2,007,391, and the Dean expects that number to increase. The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approve the 2006 budget as proposed by the finance committee.* The Vestry unanimously approved the resolution.
 - Steve Ezell presented the 2005 budgeted income and expense statement.
- **Wardens' Time:** No business.
- **New Business:** No new business.
- **Old Business:** No old business.
- **Key Dates:**

January 24:	Men's Breakfast, 7am.
January 24:	Delegates' Meeting, 6:30pm.
January 27-28:	Diocesan Convention, Murfreesboro.
February 3:	First Friday, 6pm.

February 9: "Ain't got Long to Stay Here", Barry Scott, 7:30pm.
February 12: Taize Service, 6pm.
February 22-25: Episcopate "Walk-Around".
February 26: Mardi Gras Talent Show and Silent Auction, 6pm.
February 27: Next Vestry Meeting, 5:15pm.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Anne Stevenson and was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Stanford Adams, Clerk

Attachments and handouts:

- Christ Church Cathedral Budget 2006
- Christ Church Budget by Program Area
- Services Ministries Budget
- Vestry Agenda, January 23, 2006
- The Dean's Report, January 2006
- Outreach Vestry Report, January 2006
- Membership Care Report, January 17, 2006
- Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, January 19, 2006
- Corrections/Addenda to Spiritual Formation Cluster report, January 23, 2006
- Finance Committee Report January 2006
- Vestry Meditation Schedule 2006
- Balance Sheet Detail, December 31, 2005
- Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, December 31, 2005