

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
April 23, 2007**

Vestry Members in attendance: Jennifer Johnston, Joanne Knight, Walker Mathews, Judy Wright, Stanford Adams, Ken King, Marian Ott, Libby Patterson, Pete Stringer, Charlie Cook, Thor Urness, Christy Hooper, Ed Burgess, Sigourney Cheek. Clergy present: Ken Swanson, Geoffrey Butcher, Matthew Corkern, Tshepo Maloka. Also present: Eileen Hosking.

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007. Dean Ken Swanson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Christy Hooper gave the meditation.

• **Dean's Report:**

- The Dean announced that he has organized a search committee to search for a priest for the position Geoffrey Butcher is vacating. The committee consists of: Thor Urness, chair, Joanne Knight, Libby Patterson, Jennifer Johnston, Pete Stringer, and Tom Kanaday. The committee will meet in May to write a job description and the Dean expects to focus the position on outreach. The Dean is already aware of five strong candidates. The Dean plans to have a priest in place by January 1, 2008.
- The Dean announced that the Cathedral has been in an ongoing conversation with various groups in the parish, including the clergy, to make the 8:30 service more child friendly. The Dean intends to shorten the service to 1 hour by shortening hymns and reducing the number of readings. In addition, children will be invited to come into the chancel during the Eucharist Prayer. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 and the late service will begin at 11:00. These changes will be implemented in September 2007.
- The Dean reported on the capital campaign feasibility study. The Dean reported that there has been some delay beginning the feasibility study. The Dean and the Vestry discussed the Master Plan and the feasibility study. The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approve the Master Plan as presented by the Master Plan Committee.* Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

- **Approval of Minutes from March 2007 Meeting:** The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approve the minutes of the March 2007 Vestry meeting, as amended.* Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

• **Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liaisons**

- **Outreach:** Libby Patterson submitted a written report.
- **Sacred Space:** Ken King reported that he will submit a report prior to the May Vestry meeting.
- **Membership Care:** Joanne Knight submitted a written report. The Vestry discussed issues with the childcare program. Joanne Knight reported that she and Eileen Hosking are addressing these issues.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Christy Hooper submitted a written report.
- **Property and Personnel:** Eileen Hosking reported that the Cathedral is looking for additional space for the youth program and other Sunday morning education programs. Matthew Corkern reported that the Cathedral has hired Chance Dillon as a youth minister. He has worked as a youth minister at the Church of the Resurrection for four years. He will begin on June 1, 2007. Eileen Hosking reported that Freddie Cox is

retiring as sexton after 40 years of service and that the Cathedral will honor Freddie Cox on May 13, 2007.

- **Finance and Stewardship:** Walker Mathews submitted a written report. Walker Mathews reported that the committee is tracking the pledge fall-off ratio. Walker Mathews reported that the committee has recommended establishing an unbudgeted line item to track additional unbudgeted items that are added during the year.

- **Wardens' Time:**
 - Jennifer Johnston reported that the May Vestry meeting is currently scheduled for May 28, Memorial Day. The Vestry decided to move the May meeting to Monday, May 21.
 - Jennifer Johnston distributed the current mission and vision statements of the Cathedral. The Dean and the Vestry discussed the mission and vision statements.
 - Jennifer Johnston asked the Dean to discuss the Sacred Space for the City program. The Dean presented the rationale for the program and the various elements of the program. The Vestry discussed the Sacred Space for the City program.
 - Jennifer Johnston asked that the Vestry members remain at the end of the meeting for an executive session.

- **New Business:**
 - The Dean reported that the Vestry will have a table at St. Luke's fundraising dinner on May 8, 2007. The Dean encouraged Vestry members to attend the dinner. The Dean reported that Freddie Cox will be honored on May 13, 2007.
 - The Dean reported that Bruce Dobie, the chair of a charter school that was intended for the St. Luke's neighborhood, has asked if the Cathedral would be willing to house the school for its first year. The Dean will send information regarding this request to the Vestry prior to the May meeting.
 - The Dean reported that the Bishop has asked the Cathedral to take a deacon from June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008. The Dean noted that training deacons is an appropriate role for the Cathedral. Patrick Soule is graduating from Trinity School and would be the deacon placed at the Cathedral. The Dean reported that he is considering this request.
 - The Dean reminded the Vestry of the meeting regarding the proposed St. Luke's neighborhood redevelopment project at 4:30pm on May 1, 2007 at the Cathedral.
 - Libby Patterson asked the Dean to report on the Cathedral's child abuse prevention policies. The Dean asked Geoffrey Butcher to distribute the policies to Vestry members.

- **Old Business:** No old business.

- **Key Dates:**

April 27-29:	Choir tour in Chicago.
May 4:	First Friday, 6pm.
May 4-6:	Parish Weekend Away.
May 6:	Evensong, 4pm.
May 13:	Youth Sunday, honor for Freddie Cox.
May 13:	Taize Service, 6pm.
May 17:	Vestry dinner, St. Bartholomew's, 6pm.
May 28:	Next Vestry Meeting, 5:15pm.

The Vestry met in executive session and the meeting was adjourned by resolution of the Vestry at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Stanford Adams, Clerk

Attachments and handouts:

- Vestry Agenda, April 23, 2007
- The Dean's Report, April 2007
- Minutes of the Vestry, March 26, 2007
- Outreach Cluster Vestry Report, April 2007 (including Global Missions report, April 18, 2007)
- Membership Care Report, April 2007
- Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, April 23, 2007
- Finance Committee Report April 2007
- Balance Sheet Detail, March 31, 2007
- Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, March 31, 2007
- Christ Church Cathedral Clusters and Committees Handout (Revised 4/11/2007)
- Christ Church Cathedral Mission and Vision Statements Handout