

Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
February 25, 2008

Vestry members in attendance: Pete Stringer, Stanford Adams, Ken King, Marian Ott, Libby Patterson, Ed Burgess, Sigourney Cheek, Charlie Cook, Christy Hooper, Thor Urness, Susan Dupont, Hal Johnson, Sandra Merritt, Tobi Nolan. Cathedral clergy in attendance: Anne Stevenson, Matthew Corkern, Geoffrey Butcher.

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on February 25, 2008. Pete Stringer called the meeting to order at 6:50. Thor Urness gave the meditation.

Warden's Time:

- The vestry reviewed the 2008 vision map completed at the January retreat, and vestry members provided updates on their delegated tasks.
 - A discussion ensued about the need to address property maintenance issues, even as execution of the master plan awaits the arrival of the new rector/dean.
 - Stanford Adams reported that the communications committee is reconstructing the cathedral website and he requested that cluster liaisons rewrite content for the new site. Each cluster should have a volunteer who can edit the site when appropriate; the volunteer should attend a training session on Tuesday, March 11 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - Vestry members were urged to identify any unique skills of parishioners and pass along such information to the wardens or clergy.
 - Susan Dupont reported that the search committee would prefer not to include questions about program interests in the forthcoming parish survey, as the vestry had requested, out of concern that an extended survey will discourage participation.
 - Sandra Merritt will resume compiling a list of new members so that they may receive welcoming telephone calls.
- The search committee did not meet as scheduled last week, but will meet on Tuesday, February 26. Questions for the written and telephone surveys should be approved at that meeting. Ellen Wright will inform the search committee about the master plan.
- Sandra Merritt volunteered to write any necessary vestry thank you notes.
- The vestry reviewed February attendance data and the 2007 Parochial Report. *Resolved, that the vestry approved the 2007 Parochial Report.* Unanimously approved.
- Thor Urness reported that the Global Missions committee recommends that the 2008 Easter offering be sent to the South African orphanage administered by Gwen Slade. *Resolved, that the vestry designates the 2008 Easter offering to St. John the Divine Orphans and Outreach Board.* Unanimously approved.
- The next meeting of the vestry will be held on Monday, March 31, 2008.

Report by Interim Rector:

Anne Stevenson reported a recent clergy/staff meeting day to have been productive. Staff reductions pose challenges, but morale is high. Vicky Moser will continue full time for a month longer than planned because of unforeseen needs. The personnel committee has met to revise its procedures, and has finished a job description for the business manager position.

Approval of Minutes:

Resolved, that the January 2008 minutes are approved, as amended.
Unanimously approved.

Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liasons

Finance and Stewardship: Ed Burgess submitted a written report. Discussion followed about the advantages to the cathedral of using its account with Equitable Advisors as its sole brokerage account. Marian Ott and Ed Burgess noted that although Ed Burgess is an employee at Equitable Advisors, Equitable charges the cathedral a smaller commission for the sale or transfer of securities than does UBS. Moreover, the cathedral can avoid delays in the sale and transfer of securities by employing Equitable Advisors. Marian Ott reported that the UBS account will be closed.

Resolved, that the Vestry approves Bob Smyth, Bill Coke, Katy Varney, Pete Stringer, and Charlie Cook as signatories on the cathedral operating account.
Unanimously approved.

Resolved, that the Vestry designates the account with Equitable Advisors as the cathedral's only brokerage account and hereby appoints Ed Burgess and Larry Smith as the signatories on that account. Unanimously approved.

Outreach: Thor Urness submitted a written report.

Sacred Space: Susan Dupont reminded vestry members about the upcoming Bachanalia event.

Membership Care: Sigourney Cheek submitted a written report.

Spiritual Formation: Christy Hooper submitted a written report. She also encouraged vestry members to attend the upcoming Evening in Tuscany event to support the cathedral youth.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Key Dates:

February 29, 5-11 p.m.	Bachanalia
March 2	Final Sunday for the Second Harvest food drive
March 7, 6 p.m.	First Friday
March 9, 6 p.m.	Taize service
March 16	Palm Sunday
March 19,20,21,22	Services of Holy Week
March 22, 6 p.m.	Great Vigil of Easter

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry at 8:10 p.m. Matthew Corkern
February 2008 closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Tobi Nolan, Clerk

Attachments and handouts:

Vestry Agenda, February 25, 2008
Vestry Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2008
2007 Cathedral Parochial Report
Attendance Data, February 2008
2008 Plans for Reconciliation
Business and Facility Manager Job Description
Cathedral Guides Report to Sacred Space Cluster, February 2008
Membership Care Cluster Report, February 2008
Outreach Cluster Report, February 2008
Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, February 2008
2008 Vestry Goals
Youth Report, February 2008
Finance Committee Report, February 2008
Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, January 2008
Balance Sheet, January 2008
Vestry Vision Map 2008