

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
January 26, 2009**

Vestry members in attendance: Charlie Cook, Ed Burgess, Christy Hooper, Thor Urness, Hal Johnson, Sandra Merritt, Tobi Nolan, Paul Elledge, Susan Dupont, John Whitaker, Scott Smith, Mary Herbert Kelly, Steve Lasley, Dave Goetz, Catherine Clark
Clergy in attendance: Anne Stevenson, Gene Manning
Also in attendance: Mark McQueen

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 26, 2009. Charlie Cook called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and gave the meditation.

Warden's Time:

The attached resolution regarding the Search Committee was introduced, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Report by Interim Rector:

Canon Stevenson reported that Canon Butcher is recovering well and will be able to resume activity within a couple of weeks. To assist in his absence, the Rev. Manning will work a 3/4-time schedule. The Rev. Bob Abstein will begin a Monday Bible study, conduct two Sunday classes, and preach occasionally. Additionally, Professor Bob Hughes from the University of the South will lead adult classes for three weeks.

Canon Stevenson reported that the Cathedral ably staffed the Diocesan Convention. She noted that the diocese will continue its companion relationship with the Diocese of Litoral, Ecuador, for another year. Additionally, the Convention elected Shelton Clark to the Diocesan Standing Committee.

Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liaisons

Administrative: Ed Burgess submitted a written report and requested Vestry approval of several recommendations of the Finance Committee:

The following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that the \$30,000 bequest from the Dorothy Bean estate be placed in the Memorial Fund for use on projects to enhance the fabric of the Cathedral, such as a possible reworking of the hall between the reception area and the nave.** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

The following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that the \$2,000,000 bequest from the Mary Schillig estate be placed at the Episcopal Endowment Corporation with the Cathedral's endowment funds, that the funds be marked as**

“Vestry-designated” to permit their availability for future projects, and that the distribution from this gift (\$80,000 at the 4% total return distribution) be designated for the 2009 operating budget. Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

After thorough discussion of the 2009 clergy-proposed budget, the following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that the Vestry approves the proposed 2009 budget, as attached, including the use of the \$80,000 additional revenue from the Schillig bequest.** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

The following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that the Vestry approves the use of PayPal and credit cards for Cathedral activities at the discretion of the individual committees and programs, subject to the concurrence of the Business Manager, on the condition that any program or committee using these methods of payment must be responsible for the associated fees within their own budgets.** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

The Finance Committee further asked the Vestry to consider appropriate ways to express the Cathedral’s gratitude for the Bean and Schillig bequests, and to encourage parishioners to include the Cathedral in their planned giving.

Finally, the Finance Committee recommended that the Vestry review its Conflict of Interest policy which requires any Vestry member doing business with the Cathedral to disclose that interest before voting on such a matter.

Outreach: Thor Urness submitted a written report. The following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that the Vestry approves the attached 2009 outreach budget as recommended by the Outreach Committee.** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Membership Care: Sandra Merritt submitted written reports.

Spiritual Formation: Catherine Clark submitted written reports.

New Business:

The following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that Hal Johnson replace Pete Stringer as signatory on the Cathedral’s credit card account.** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Charlie Cook asked the Vestry to reschedule its February meeting time to accommodate a visit from the Bishop. The Vestry will meet on February 16 when the Bishop will discuss ideas about what it means to be a Cathedral. The wardens will invite the Search Committee to attend this meeting.

Gene Manning and Mark McQueen will conduct training for the prevention of sexual misconduct on Thursday, February 19, from 6-9 p.m. Vestry members are expected to attend unless they have previously attended a training session.

Hal Johnson reported that the Search Committee's nominating committee has already presented the names of nineteen potential candidates to Canon Snare for review, and that the committee will meet in ten days to review candidates.

Old Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tobi Nolan, Clerk

Attachments and handouts:

Vestry Agenda, January 26, 2009

Attendance Data, January 2009

Administrative Cluster Report, January 26, 2009

Finance Committee Report, January 2009

Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, December 31, 2008

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2008

Outreach Cluster Report and Recommended Budget, January 2009

Membership Care Cluster Report, January 2009

Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, January 2009

Youth Report, January 2009

Proposed 2009 Cathedral Budget, as approved

“Resolution of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral Regarding the Rector Search Committee”

Key Dates:

Saturday, Jan. 31, 9:00 a.m. – Recovery and Resettlement: A Pathway to Peace in Iraq
Presentation by Kelly Hayes-Raitt and discussion

Friday, Feb. 6, 6:00 p.m. – First Friday service

Sunday, Feb. 8, 4:00 p.m. – Diocesan Chorister Festival

Friday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. – Concert: Fisk Jubilee Singers

Saturday, Feb 14, 6:00 p.m. – Taize service

Thursday, Feb. 19, 6:00 p.m. – Prevention of Sexual Misconduct training

Monday, Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m. – Vestry meeting