

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
February 16, 2009**

Vestry members in attendance: Charlie Cook, Ed Burgess, Christy Hooper, Thor Urness, Hal Johnson, Sandra Merritt, Tobi Nolan, Paul Elledge, Scott Smith, Mary Herbert Kelly, Steve Lasley, Dave Goetz, John Whitaker, Catherine Clark

Clergy in attendance: Anne Stevenson, Geoffrey Butcher, Gene Manning

Also in attendance: Mark McQueen

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 16, 2009. Charlie Cook called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. after both the Vestry and Search Committee had met with Bishop Bauerschmidt to develop ideas about the role of a cathedral parish.

Warden's Time:

- The following resolution was introduced and seconded: **Resolved, that the Vestry approves Steve Lasley as representative to the Cathedral Chapter.** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.
- Charlie Cook announced the March 15 celebration of Canon Stevenson's birthday and twenty year ministry at the Cathedral. The event will occur during the Sunday School hour.
- The Nominating Committee for the Dean's Search Committee has narrowed the field of candidates to 12 names and is awaiting more names for consideration.

Report by Interim Rector:

- Canon Stevenson reported that the Diocesan Chorister Festival brought choirs from Maryland and Alabama to join local choristers. The well attended evensong included the Bishop and six additional members of the clergy.
- The Fisk Jubilee Singers attracted one of the Cathedral's largest crowds.
- The Cathedral will welcome as guest lecturers the Rev. Dr. Bill Brosend, the Rev. Dr. Bob Hughes, and Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson.
- The following resolution was introduced and seconded: ***Resolved, that the Vestry approves the 2008 Parochial Report.*** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Approval of Minutes: The following resolution was introduced and seconded: ***Resolved, that the Vestry approves the minutes of its December 22, 2008 and January 26, 2009 meetings.*** Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liaisons

Administrative: Ed Burgess submitted a written report. The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry acknowledges the generous gift of Ben and Libby Page to support the maintenance of landscaping at the Cathedral.*

Unanimously approved by the Vestry. At the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following resolution was also introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approves a new four-year lease on the building at 810 Broadway, beginning on August 1, 2009, with an initial monthly rent of \$3,721 (or \$44,652 for the first year), including a 3% annual increase in rent, with an option to extend the lease for an additional four years with a 3% annual increase in rent.* Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Outreach: Thor Urness submitted a written report. He asked the Vestry to approve the Global Missions Committee's recommendation for the 2009 Easter offering. The following resolution was introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the 2009 Easter offering be designated half to St. John the Divine in South Africa for the orphanage administered by the Rev. Gwyn Slade, and half to Sihawukelwe Lauren's Children Home.* Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Sacred Space: John Whitaker submitted written reports.

Membership Care: Sandra Merritt submitted written reports.

Spiritual Formation: Catherine Clark submitted written reports. She added that the adult education leaders would be grateful for vestry attendance at the educational offerings, especially the symposia.

New Business: None.

Old Business: The Rev. Bob Abstein will begin his ten-week Monday Bible study on February 23 with a study of the parables.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tobi Nolan, Clerk

Key Dates:

Feb. 25: Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 27-28: Lenten Symposium

Mar. 1, 3:30 p.m.: Lenten Evensong

Mar. 6, 6:00 p.m.: First Friday service

Mar. 8, 6:00 p.m.: Taize

Mar. 22, 4:00 p.m.: Organ concert with Daniel Roth

Attachments and Handouts:

Vestry Agenda, February 16, 2009

Vestry Meeting Minutes, December 2008 and January 26, 2009

2009 Parochial Report

Finance Committee Report, February 2009

Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, January 2009

Balance Sheet, January 2009

Outreach Cluster Report, January 2009

Sacred Space Report, January 2009

Cultural Arts Committee Report, January 2009

Membership Care Cluster Report, February 2009

Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, February 2009