

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
April 27, 2009**

Vestry members in attendance: Charlie Cook, Hal Johnson, Thor Urness, Sandra Merritt, Tobi Nolan, Paul Elledge, Scott Smith, Mary Herbert Kelly, Steve Lasley, John Whitaker, Susan Dupont, Dave Goetz, Christy Hooper
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, April 27, 2009. Charlie Cook called the meeting to order. Mary Herbert Kelly gave the meditation.

Warden's Time:

- The next two meetings of the Vestry will occur on Tuesday, May 26, and Monday, June 22, 2009.
- Charlie Cook reported that the Nominating Committee for the Dean's Search Committee has forwarded four names to the full committee for its evaluation. Search teams will soon visit these candidates.
- Tuck-Hinton Architects continues to seek bids for work involved in the door-widening project.

Report by Interim Rector:

Canon Stevenson reported that Holy Week and Easter services were well attended and reflected the many hours of volunteer time needed to provide these liturgies. She added that Mary Sue and Mark Taylor had given the Cathedral a new Lenten frontal, and that Arlene Wilson had made a frontal for Maundy Thursday services. Forty were confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Canon Stevenson also informed the Vestry that the Presiding Bishop will come to Nashville for St. Ann's 150th anniversary celebration. Tentatively scheduled during her visit is a June 26 afternoon forum with clergy, followed by a 5:30 diocesan Eucharist and reception at the Cathedral. On Saturday, June 27, St. Ann's will host its anniversary celebration.

Approval of the Minutes: The following resolution was introduced and seconded:
Resolved, that the Vestry approves the minutes of its March 23, 2009 meeting.
Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liaisons

Administrative: Ed Burgess submitted a written report. Charlie Cook added that Mark McQueen and Larry Weick are investigating lower cost banking options for the Cathedral.

Outreach: Thor Urness submitted a written report. He added that St. Luke's Community House is experiencing heavy demand at its food pantry. It has requested that the Cathedral conduct a food drive and consider becoming a permanent drop for food donations.

Sacred Space: John Whitaker submitted a written report. Susan Dupont encouraged vestry members to attend the upcoming garden tour, as its proceeds will support sacred space programming.

Membership Care: Sandra Merritt submitted a written report.

Spiritual Formation: Catherine Clark submitted a written report.

New Business:

- Mark McQueen has been working to improve the sound system in the nave.
- Hal and Dona Johnson are hosting a newcomers' reception on Sunday, May 3.
- The Cathedral recently invited appraiser Marshall Falwell to assess the value of liturgical items. John Whitaker noted that several recommendations followed from this appraisal -- the need for a policy regarding the disposition of unused vessels; guidelines for memorial gifts of liturgical items; and a policy specifying that care of the vessels should be placed within the purview of the liturgical committee. John Whitaker will oversee the development of these new policies and present them to the Vestry for review.

Old Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tobi Nolan, Clerk

Attachments and handouts:

Vestry Agenda, April 27, 2009

Vestry Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2009

Finance Committee Report, April 2009

Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, March 31, 2009

Attendance Sheet, March & April 2009

Community Outreach Cluster Report, April 2009

Sacred Space Cluster Report, April 2009

Cultural Arts Committee Report, April 2009

Membership Care Cluster Report, April 2009

Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, April 2009