

**Christ Church Cathedral  
Minutes of the Vestry  
January 25, 2010**

Vestry members in attendance: Hal Johnson, Sandra Merritt, Tobi Nolan, Scott Smith, Mary Herbert Kelly, Steve Lasley, Scott Viebranz, John Whitaker, Dave Goetz, Catherine Clark, Susie Ries, Susan Dupont, Marie Yeagle

Clergy in attendance: Timothy Kimbrough, Geoffrey Butcher, Gene Manning, Ann Stevenson

Also in attendance: Mark McQueen

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 25, 2010. The Very Reverend Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Susie Ries gave the meditation.

**Approval of Minutes:** The following resolution was introduced and seconded:  
*Resolved, the Vestry approves the minutes of its December 21, 2009 meeting.*  
Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

**Warden's Time:**

- Hal Johnson discussed plans for the Vestry retreat to be held at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, TN on March 5 and 6.
- The Dean asked the Vestry to consider a 12-18 month Cathedral calendar starting this spring. He will ask the staff to begin putting it together with input from the Vestry and parishioners.

**Old Business:**

- The Dean thanked Mary Herbert Kelley for her leadership and efforts in the welcoming process and asked members to bring suggestions for changes/improvements to the retreat.
- Hal Johnson reported the results of the 2010 canvas: 574 pledges received for a total of \$1,903,019. 75 new pledges of \$93,655; 186 pledges increased by \$131,121 and 80 pledges decreased by \$153,166. This represents a decline from last year's total of 586 pledges totaling \$1,983,184. Pledges are down throughout Diocese.
- Results of Vestry stewardship calls were discussed. Jeff Yarbrow and Elizabeth Madsen are preparing a final report.
- Tobi Nolan asked if the Vestry should be in the practice of reaching out to parishioners outside of the stewardship campaign. Dean Kimbrough asked that the matter be added to agenda for the Vestry retreat.

**Finance Committee (Steve Lasley):**

- Steve Lasley reported the recommendation of the Finance Committee – that the additional bequest from the estate of Mary Schillig in the amount of \$800,000 be added to the initial bequest of the estate and deposited in the Episcopal Endowment Corporation (EEC). Dean Kimbrough requested discussion of establishing a process for handling future undesignated bequests, and asked that the matter be added to the agenda for the Vestry retreat. The following resolution was introduced and seconded:  
***Resolved, the Vestry approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deposit the additional \$800,000 bequest from the Schillig estate with the EEC.***  
Unanimously approved.
- The Finance Committee recommended accepting and depositing in the Memorial Fund, \$14,000 from the estate of Martha Allen Jones. The following resolution was introduced and seconded:  
***Resolved, the Vestry approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept and place Martha Allen Jones' \$14,000 bequest in the Memorial Fund.***  
Unanimously approved.
- Steve Lasley reported that members of the Finance Committee made their annual Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest at the January meeting. Conflicts are recorded in the minutes of the Finance Committee. He requested that Vestry members disclose conflicts. There were no Conflicts of Interest recorded by the CCC Vestry members.
- Mark McQueen submitted a report dated January 15, 2010 (attached) containing the proposed Christ Church Cathedral 2010 budget and 2011 assumptions recommended by the Finance Committee. The Vestry discussed the proposed budget for 2010: \$ 2,567,569 with a deficit of \$97,800 that retains staff, provides all non-clergy staff with a 3% cost of living increase and maintains current programs. The following resolution was introduced and seconded:  
***Resolved, the Vestry approves the budget for 2010 recommended by the Finance Committee, including the recommendation that half of the 2009 year-end surplus (\$146,518) be applied to the 2010 budget deficit and the other half be deposited to the operating reserve.***  
Unanimously approved.
- Dean Kimbrough shared his plans to devote an adult forum in March/April to a discussion of the budget.

### **Cluster Ministries**

Reports from Cluster ministries (attached)

- Administrative (Finance): Steve Lasley submitted written report.

- Spiritual Formation: Catherine Clark submitted written report, incorporating Youth report submitted by Monica Urness. Catherine reported that the Youth Happening will take place at the Cathedral February 12-14. Scott Smith encouraged all to attend Lenten Symposium led by Bill Countryman. It was suggested that upcoming events for the next month be included on the Vestry agenda moving forward.
- Outreach: Mary Herbert Kelly submitted written report.
- Membership Care: Sandra Merritt reported some difficulty reaching newcomers who turn in cards and asked the Vestry to assist with calls to new members.
- Sacred Space: Susan Dupont submitted report from Friends of the Cathedral
- Hal Johnson encouraged vestry attendance at the Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> “Help the Cathedral Stomp Out Huger in Nashville” program with the movie, “Urban Assault: Escape from Poverty” and at the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16. He reminded the members to see Happenings for other parish events.

### **Parochial report**

- Hal Johnson gave an overview of the annual Parochial report, highlighting Christ Church Cathedral’s growth in number of active baptized members. The following resolution was introduced and seconded:  
***Resolved that the Vestry receives and approves the Parochial Report.***  
Unanimously approved.

### **New business**

- Dean Kimbrough reported on the Diocesan Annual Convention held at St. George’s, January 21-22, 2010. St. Bartholomew will host the Annual Convention in 2011. No decision has been made for the 2012 host. The Bishop’s address outlined Diocesan finances and financial obligations to several congregations. The Diocese adopted a deficit budget. Fairshare requests were not met. The adopted 2010 Diocese budget reflected the loss of the deacons assistance program; a vocational diaconate training program scheduled to start at end of year rather than immediately; elimination of the youth minister position; additional funds for development; an end to the relationship with the Diocese of Litorale; and modest funds to research new companion diocese relationship

The Vestry met in Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Stringer Yeagle, Clerk

**Attachments and handouts:**

Vestry Agenda, January 25, 2010

Vestry Minutes, December 2009

Administrative Cluster Report, January 2010

Finance Committee Report, January 2010

Friends of the Cathedral, January 2010

Key Assumptions in 2010 and 2011 Budgets, January 2010

Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, December 2009

Balance Sheet, December 2009

Outreach Cluster Reports, January 2010

Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, January 2010

Youth Report, January 2010