

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
April Meeting
May 24, 2010**

Vestry members present: Hal Johnson, Catherine Clark, Sandra Merritt, Steve Lasley, Tobi Nolan, Scott Smith, Susie Ries, Susan Dupont, John Whitaker, John Bridges, Sandy Sanders, Scott Viebranz. Absent: Marie Stringer Yeagle

Others present: Dean Kimbrough, Gene Manning, Anne Stevenson

The Very Reverend Timothy Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dean Kimbrough offered the meditation.

Approval of Minutes: The following resolution was introduced by Sandy Sanders and seconded by Steve Lasley: *Resolved, the Vestry approves the minutes of its April 26, 2010 meeting.* Unanimously approved.

1. Old business

a. A review of Geoffrey's farewell

Dean Kimbrough invited Vestry members to offer their thoughts of Geoffrey's farewell and informed the members that many pictures of the weekend are posted on the Cathedral's website.

b. Stained glass window restoration update

Mark McQueen reported that the repair crew will be working at the Cathedral Tuesday, May 25th. They plan to start with the lower level windows. The wood replacement windows will be painted on the inside and out to make them blend into the building. The crew hopes to complete the window repaired by September.

Mark reported on water issues identified during the flood.

Gene provided an update of impacts from the flood to members of the Cathedral. The Dandridge Trust is distributing funds for recovery efforts to victims. The Bishop is coordinating groups from outside of Nashville that wish to help with recovery work over the summer.

c. Stewardship for 2011—*Scott Viebranz*

Scott reported that the stewardship co-chair search process continues and provided a proposed timeline for the 2010 Canvas:

Week of August 8 – Canvass Committee meets
August Vestry Meeting – Review communication themes and budget priorities
Friday, October 1 – Mail Canvass letter with pledge cards.
Friday, October 1 – CORNERSTONE article
Friday, October 8 – Happenings
Sunday, October 10, 17, 24, 31 & November 7 – Bulletins
Sunday, November 14 – In gathering Sunday/Annual Parish Meeting (45 minutes)
Sunday, November 21 – Annual Parish Meeting/Stewardship update (45 minutes)
Friday, December 3

A time and talent survey is in the plan for next year. The Vestry will be called upon early in the process. The committee will evaluate other communication tools, including parishioners speaking at Sunday services about their Stewardship journey.

The Canvas committee includes Scott, Dean Kimbrough, Hal and Catherine.

d. Cathedral chapter meeting review – *Dean Kimbrough*

Dean Kimbrough reported that within the committee there is increasing momentum toward selecting events for special support from the Cathedral and the Diocese. The functioning of this group will depend on the Cathedral evaluating potential impacts on Cathedral life and the Diocese doing the same.

e. Report on gifts made from the Schillig bequest

Dean Kimbrough reported that outreach committee was effusive about how responsive the Vestry has been making the funds from the Schillig available. The Outreach Committee used the funds to make gifts to St. Luke's, Mobile Loaves and Fishes and Second Harvest.

Sandy suggested using this example in the stewardship campaign of what we can do when we have the resources.

The Bishop acknowledged the gift to the Diocese with a letter of gratitude addressed to the Vestry.

2. Cluster Ministries

a. Reports from Cluster ministries

Finance Committee

Dean Kimbrough highlighted several issues from the Finance Committee report. By switching from Sun Trust to First Tennessee, the Cathedral has reduced fees associated with pledges paid by credit card, but the costs are still significant. Dean Kimbrough also noted that while revenues appear roughly \$12,000 ahead of budget for the year we are operating on a \$170,000 budget deficit and we need to be \$70,000 in the good by end of first quarter. The Dean suggested that some form of this statistic be reported to the parish prior to the beginning of the stewardship campaign.

The following resolution was introduced by Scott and seconded by John Whitaker:
Resolved, the Vestry accepts the report of the Finance Committee. Unanimously approved.

3. Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Stringer Yeagle, Clerk.

Attachments and handouts:

Vestry Agenda, May 24, 2010

Finance Committee Report, May 2010