

Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
October 25, 2010

Vestry members present: Hal Johnson, Catherine Clark, Steve Lasley, Mary Herbert Kelly, Susie Ries, Scott Smith, Dave Goetz, Susan Dupont, John Whitaker, John Bridges, Tobi Nolan, Sandy Sanders, Scott Viebranz, Marie Stringer Yeagle

Others in attendance: Timothy Kimbrough, Anne Stevenson

Dean Kimbrough called the meeting to order.

1. **Meditation**— *Dean Kimbrough read and reflected on a passage by James Agee.*

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Susie Ries moved and Susan Dupont seconded her motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Old business**

a. **Stewardship for 2011**

Scott Viebranz reported that pledges are on track to date. He continues to track the number of returned pledges and expressed his hope that the number of pledges will rise on November 14 when the parish returns cards in the offertory as part of Ingathering Sunday.

b. **Proposed Central Parking contract**

Dean Kimbrough reported that contract negotiations are still underway. Central Parking's legal department is reviewing CCC's changes, some of which were accepted. They were not prepared to accept the "gross negligence" clause changes.

c. **Alcohol Use policy**

Catherine reported from the meeting with Ed Miller, Gene Manning Hal Johnson and Tobi Nolan. They discussed angles by which CCC could approach developing an alcohol use policy for the Cathedral and the desire to tailor it as closely as possible for youth without being unnecessarily broad. Following discussion and questions about specific event policies, Dean Kimbrough asked the committee to return a recommendation that considers the current Diocesan and

church-wide (TEC) policies and/or guidelines. Dean Kimbrough asked for the recommendation to reflect current diocesan and church-wide (TEC) policies.

d. 2010 Vestry elections and the out-going class of the CCC Vestry

The slate of candidates was read: Denise Bentley, Matthew Bourlakas, Jay Graves, Dwight Hasbrouck, Sally Kanaday, Jo Dee Prichard, John Teasely, Scott Viebranz, Ann Walker-King, Mary Chris Waller, and Tyler Yarbrow. Sandra Merritt and Peggy Tucker will head up logistics. Voting begins on Sunday, November 14 and concludes on Sunday, November 21.

4. Cluster Ministries

a. Property Committee

Steve Lasley provided an update on the restoration of the stained glass windows. The artisan factory reported that windows were more deteriorated than their initial evaluation. Bill Coke has requested that they be returned by Christmas. Their condition and the delay in the repair will not affect cost.

b. Finance Committee

Dean Kimbrough called the Vestry's attention to the report of the Finance Committee. CCC is on budget to slightly ahead for the year but will end the year with a deficit.

Vestry discussed how to word the outreach funding formula. Marian Ott, Finance Chair, will attend an Outreach cluster meeting to discuss formula and the Vestry and Finance Committee's desire to determine a hard number for budgeting purposes. Hal reported that the Finance Committee will return to the Vestry with a recommendation.

Steve reported that the \$106,000 balloon note on the parking lot, previously the site of the Hathcock Building, will come due at the end of the year. The Finance Committee is considering a recommendation to pay off loan. It is also discussing recommending to the Vestry that the parking revenue be used to pay ourselves back for retiring the loan.

Steve discussed the response to management audit letter. The audit called attention to need for Cathedral practices regarding the review of discretionary funds to conform to the Finance Committee customary; Steve explained that Dean's discretionary fund already is regularly reviewed by the Senior wardens. Attention will be given in 2010 to the detail of other discretionary fund review per the Finance Committee customary.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry moves to accept the Finance Committee report.

The resolution was moved by John Bridges, seconded by Hal Johnson, and unanimously approved.

c. **Outreach** – Thanksgiving

Mary Herbert Kelly reported the Outreach Committee’s recommendation to designate the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry designates the Thanksgiving offering to Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

The resolution was moved by Susie Ries, seconded by Dave Goetz, and unanimously approved.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry designates the Christmas offering to complete the 3rd installment of the 3 year pledge to Room in the Inn capital campaign and any surplus over the commitment to CCC Room in the Inn.

The resolution was moved by Steve Lasley, seconded by Catherine Clark, and unanimously approved.

d. **Friday performance**

Susan reflected on the Friday night performance of “Sweet Singer,” as the highlight of season, thanking Dean Kimbrough’s father and Dean Kimbrough for his piano playing.

5. **New business**

a. **Reaffirming Anna Russell Kelly Friedman**

Dean Kimbrough reminded the Vestry of our affirmation of Anna Russell’s pursuit of priesthood and of the need for Vestry’s formal consent.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry, pursuant to Canon III.8.6c2, reaffirms its support Anna Russell Kelly Friedman’s application for ordination to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church.

The resolution was moved by Catherine Clark, seconded by Susan Dupont and unanimously approved.

Hal asked Dean Kimbrough to make a recommendation to the Vestry of an appropriate gift for the parish to give Anna Russell in recognition of the occasion.

b. Amos House Sanctuary movement

Dean Kimbrough reported on conversations with downtown churches in Nashville serving the homeless.

c. Memorial for Sarah Taylor

Dean Kimbrough reported that in consultation with Sarah Taylor's family, memorials be used to commission a dance for First Friday; approximately, \$3,400 has been donated to her memorial. Anne shared memories of Ms. Taylor's love of First Friday. Greta Gryzwana, founder of Epiphany Dance Company, who has choreographed dances for First Friday in the past, is honored to choreograph a piece in memory of Ms. Taylor. Greta and Anne are in conversation with Sarah's family to find a poem or song on which to base the dance. The performance is planned for February's First Friday.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry designates the memorial gifts received in memory of Sarah Taylor for the purpose of commissioning a dance for First Friday worship.

The resolution was moved by Catherine Clark, seconded by Susie Ries and unanimously approved.

d. Nominations for the upcoming Annual Convention

Hal Johnson moved the name of Ed Miller, communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, to the 2011 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee to stand for election to Bishop & Council. Scott Smith seconded the nomination. After further discussion Dean Kimbrough recommended that the Vestry vote on this motion be postponed until the November meeting of the Vestry. This postponement was set to allow Vestry members to speak with Ed and one another about his prospective service on Bishop & Council.

Dean Kimbrough shared his experience serving the five previous General Conventions and expressed a desire to continue serving the Church in this capacity, if it may be, from the Diocese of Tennessee.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry nominates Dean Kimbrough to the 2011 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee to stand as a deputy from this Diocese to the General Convention 2012.

The resolution was moved by Hal Johnson, seconded by Susan Dupont and unanimously approved.

Resolved, that the CCC Vestry nominates Pete Stringer to the 2011 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee to stand as a deputy from this Diocese to the General Convention 2012.

The resolution was moved by Hal Johnson John Whitaker, seconded by Steve Lasley and unanimously approved.

e. Vestry Retreat 2011

Dates in February and March were discussed for the Vestry retreat. February 18 & 19 are under consideration and will be decided upon by at the December meeting.

f. Report from Vestry by-law committee

Dave Goetz reported on the work of the committee reviewing CCC's bylaws, those from Dean Kimbrough's former parish, as well as from other parishes. The committee is thinking through CCC's relationship with Diocese; establishing executive committee; committee structure; and the date of the Annual Parish meeting among other issues. The committee, which includes Dave Goetz, Hal Johnson and Dean Kimbrough, is moving toward a draft to be considered at Vestry retreat in 2011.

g. '2011' Parish meeting date

Dean Kimbrough asked the Vestry to continue their consideration of holding the annual parish meeting after Jan 1st and hosting it as a meal and meeting offsite, perhaps at St. Luke's to accommodate a large group. He proposed January 22nd, 2012 as the date for the first such meeting.

h. Vestry Christmas party date

Hal and Dona Johnson will host the Vestry Christmas party on Saturday, December 4, 2011.

i. Update from Transition committee

Scott Smith provided an update on planning for Canon Stevenson's transition. John Bridges reported that there will be one service for the parish on May 22nd followed by a brunch on campus. The Committee is considering a tangible gift that will remain at the Cathedral as well as a gift for Canon Stevenson. The Finance committee recommended a \$50,000 budget, which would include a purse for Anne from the Vestry and \$28,000 for celebration.

Dean Kimbrough asked the Transition committee to develop a budget of proposed expenses for the consideration of the Finance Committee. The Vestry would then formally act on a recommendation from the Finance Committee (after it has had the chance to consider the work of the Transition committee). The Vestry should act on this matter no later than its January 2011 meeting.

The November Vestry meeting is moved to November 29th.
The last Vestry meeting of year will be December 20th.

6. Announcements

7. Adjourn