

Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2012
Nashville, TN

Vestry Members Present:

Steve Lasley (Senior Warden), Scott Viebranz (Junior Warden), Lawrence Blank-Cook, John Bridges, Susan Hudson, Kristine LaLonde, Jo Dee Prichard, Sandy Sanders, Ann Walker-King, Tyler Yarbrow, Marie Yeagle.

Clergy Members Present:

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Dean and Rector; the Rev. Canon Gene Manning, Sub-Dean; the Rev. Joshua Caler, Curate.

Evening Prayer and Meditation

Evening Prayer was led by Steve Lasley. Steve also provided a meditation on the Ascension and a reading from the Book of Acts.

Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2012 Meeting

Minutes from the April 23, 2012 meeting were amended and approved.

Old Business:

Communication and the Tithing Statement

This group has not met, but will do so when Dan returns from Turkey.

Ad hoc Committee on By-Law development

Walter Crouch has looked at the legal needs. The desire is to have the by-laws based on the canons of the Diocese. The Dean and Wardens want to ensure the by-laws are more personal than legal, and Walter will look at legality. The committee will report to the Vestry again in the Fall as the Vestry prepares a set of By-laws for presentation at the 2013 Annual Parish Meeting.

Ad hoc Committee on Parish Administration

The committee (Scott, Susan, Denise, Tyler, Timothy) met last week, reviewed the enabling resolution approved by the Vestry, and began thinking about how to prioritize its task. An attempt will be made to view the task through the lens of the mission statement, particularly the values statement. The committee intends to communicate with those currently involved with existing committees and hopes to encourage new membership. The target date for presenting initial findings is the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting.

Ad hoc Committee on the Endowment, enabling resolution.

Dean Kimbrough discussed the proposed Ad hoc Committee on the Endowment and an enabling resolution. Previously proposed for committee membership are Ed Burgess, John Steele, Marian Ott, Jill Meese, John Bridges and Kristine LaLonde. It was suggested

Ad hoc Committee on the Endowment, enabling resolution (continued)

that Kay Simmons, Pete Stringer and Sam Bessey be added to that group. The Wardens will contact them regarding potential participation. Consideration will be given to utilize a consultant from the Council for Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) to assist the committee. The target date for a preliminary report is October 2012, with a final report in December.

The following enabling resolution will be considered at the June, 2012 Vestry meeting:

Resolved, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry hereby creates an ad hoc committee to study and report on the following questions as they pertain to Cathedral's endowment:

What is it?

What will we call it?

Who knows we have it? (Who should know?)

What does it do?

How should we build it?

How will it be maintained?

Who will provide oversight?

Dean's annual review

The Wardens had no report at this time.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee report was presented by Mark McQueen which was received by the Vestry.

He indicated that the Bookstore checking account is closed. The remaining account balance has been moved to the regular operating budget to be used for Bibles, hymnals and prayer books as needed per the Dean's direction.

Year to Date pledges and contributions are slightly less than the budgeted amount which is consistent with previous years' history. A YTD positive variance exists in salary & benefits because the Communications Director has not been hired. As a reminder: the 2012 General Fund Budget is predicated on income generated by a \$90,000 surplus from last year.

Signage Proposal Update

Mark McQueen presented the first and second drafts of design concepts for replacing all signage on the Cathedral campus (except the Hymn Boards in the reception lobby). The Fabric & Design Committee has been instrumental in examining and approving these designs (Varina Buntin, Bob Smyth, Bill Coke, and Mark McQueen).

Outreach/Global Outreach committees

Discussions have been held regarding designations for Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. The Wardens and Rector will report to the Vestry regarding this matter in June.

Standing Reports

Dean's Report

Dean Kimbrough reviewed various matters of interest, including:

- Pentecost has 8 baptisms scheduled.
- The 11:00 service will change to 10:30 after that date.
- The Dean is considering a parish pot luck dinner in July to build fellowship.
- Benjamin Anthony, a priest and PhD candidate, has had an office on the 2nd floor for a year as he prepares for a degree at Vanderbilt. He moves to Atlanta in early July.
- The Dean met at dinner with all current and past Senior Wardens as they discussed progress and promises. He plans to do this annually.
- Sam Bessey has been working with the Dean to organize the Stewardship committee.
- Stanford Adams graduated last Saturday and will be ordained June 2, 2012 at 1:30, along with 2 others. There will be a reception following the ordination.
- The current Sunday school-year ends this coming Sunday. There will be a presentation regarding the Youth Program at this week's Adult formation session.
- A committee, chaired by Laura Copeland, has presented two candidates to the Dean for the Communications Director position. It is hoped that a person will be selected by Friday. He expects the new person on board by mid-summer.

Senior Warden's Report:

Steve Lasley asked Vestry members to look through the latest copy of the directory (sent to all as a Google Doc), and consider ways to reach out to people who may have stopped participating in Cathedral life. Ann Walker-King suggested consideration be given to re-vitalize the "Links Groups," which operated within neighborhoods.

The 2013 Vestry Retreat is scheduled for March 8-9, 2013.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.