

Christ Church Cathedral
Final Vestry Minutes – June 23, 2014

Vestry Members Present

Scott Hoffman (Senior Warden), Pete Stringer (Junior Warden), Don Dawson, Susan Hudson, Kristine LaLonde, Donald McKenzie, Marian Ott, Jon Stanley, Monica Urness, and Ellen Wright. Lawrence Blank-Cook via Skype.

Vestry Members Absent

Chris Hansen, Paul Myers, Anna Grimes Noser, Dan Schafer

Clergy Members Present

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

Meditation provided by Donald McKenzie on the need for and value of immigrants.

Adoption of May 2014 Minutes

Minutes of the May Vestry meeting were amended and approved. (Stringer, LaLonde) Note corrections: Kristine LaLonde and Susan Hudson were in attendance. Dolores Nicholson's name is misspelled.

Finance Committee Report

Mark McQueen reviewed the Balance Sheet report and Income and Expense statements, along with the Finance Committee report. These items were approved and accepted. (Stringer, Wright)

Balance Sheet: Cathedral Fund reflects the funds provided by Canon Dettwiller for vestments.

Income and Expense statement: we are entering the summer "slump" of pledges which affects a small unfavorable variance in total expenses. The Finance Committee is confident that this variance will even out. The Cathedral still has an overall favorable variance of \$19,976 (income v. expenses).

Finance Committee Report: The 2013 audit by Crosslin & Associates is being finished this week and will be shared in August. The Administrative Commission with the support of The Finance Committee recommends funding Phase One of a process to determine options for improving the overall quality of sound in the Nave in the amount of \$8600 plus customary expenses. This recommendation was approved. (Stringer, LaLonde)

Mission structure rollout update

Commission rollouts continue on schedule.

Issues remain with the Outreach and Christian Formation Commissions. Chris Puri, the chair of Christian Formation, is attempting to pull together a meeting of the Christian Formation group before the end of the summer.

Tim DisScenza, the Outreach Commission chair, has resigned because of pressing work issues. There is a search for a new chairperson. Meanwhile, Outreach subcommittees have begun to coalesce, and both Global and Local Outreach Committees are meeting together within the Grants Committee. A Service Committee should be formed within the month.

For the next 8 Sundays, the bulletin will contain an insert highlighting one of the commissions.

Pete Stringer suggested the Vestry give up its bulletin board and ask Diane Green to create a large visual devoted to the eight Commissions.

Kristine LaLonde suggested the Commissions be highlighted either within a Parish Fair or at Sunday forums prior to the Time and Talent survey.

Program review as part of Mission-based budget initiative

The Vestry discussed the budget for the Evangelism and Pastoral Care Commissions.

Evangelism Commission.

The biggest expense is to nurture newcomers. The Commission is charged with looking at new ways to provide opportunities for evangelism within the community in addition to the evangelism that we are expected to live out each day.

Pastoral Care Commission.

Staff time of \$170,000 is unevenly divided among clergy. For example, Gene Manning spends from 2/3 to 3/4 of her time with pastoral care. It is very difficult to quantify this amount of time because pastoral care tends to permeate every aspect of one's ministry.

Staff Update

Sub-Dean Gene Manning has returned from her sabbatical. She expressed her gratitude to the Vestry for this time. She also expressed thanks for having the Reverend Jacoba Hurst (priest associate) as a part time replacement, especially for his insight into the need for pastoral care.

With the Sub-Dean's return from sabbatical, the Vestry notes plans for the Dean to be away on sabbatical late February 2015 through late August 2015. Upon his return the curate will begin a sabbatical to run from early September 2015 through the end of Christmas season. Future Vestry meetings will devote some time to planning for these sabbaticals.

As previously reported to the Vestry, the Cathedral Chapter has voted to grant the Reverend Joshua Caler the new title of Canon for Evangelism and Parish Life. An announcement will be made soon to the parish. Bishop Bauerschmidt will confer the title on Fr. Caler at his visitation on Advent 2 in December 2014.

The Reverend Deacon Dolores Nicholson has announced her plans to retire from active ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. The Dean and Vestry-appointed committee for her 25th anniversary will re-form to plan her retirement celebration. An announcement to the parish will be made soon with a request to hold the date for her celebration.

Senior Warden's Report

The 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is packed each Sunday; it's exciting to see such crowds during the summer. Congratulations on the marriage of Dean Kimbrough's son, Joshua.

Dean's Report

The Burial Office for Lois Fyfe will be said on Monday, July 14 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.