

**Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Minutes  
October 26, 2015**

**Vestry Members Present**

Scott Hoffman (Senior Warden), Pete Stringer (Junior Warden), Monica Urness, Don Dawson, Anna Grimes Noser, Marian Ott, Michael Hasty, Ellen Wright, Chris Hansen, Arnold Malcolm, Jon Stanley, David Berndt, Trey Caroland, Sam Bessey

**Vestry Members Absent**

Donald McKenzie

**Clergy Members Present**

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, The Rev. Canon Gene Manning, Sub Dean

**Clergy Sabbatical**

Canon Joshua Caler

**Other Members Present**

Mark McQueen, Scott Viebranz, Ed Burgess

**Opening Prayer and Meditation**

Rev. Timothy Kimbrough led the opening prayer and Anna Grimes Noser led the meditation.

**Adoption of September, 2015 Minutes**

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with two changes. (Stringer, Wright)

**Finance Committee Report**

Ed Burgess presented the Finance Committee report. The Cathedral has a positive variance to budget of \$87,629. This is the result of a favorable \$23,538 variance in income being added to a \$64,090 positive variance in budgeted expenses. Cash levels remain at approximately 23 percent of budgeted expenses. The budgeted income and expense report was approved (Stringer, Malcolm). The balance sheet was approved. (Stringer, Malcolm).

It is still the Finance Committee's goal to have the accounts and policies manual ready for Vestry consideration at the November Vestry meeting.

The Finance Committee recommends that funds previously designated for a quarter time priest position be distributed back to the Grants Committee budget of the Outreach Commission. The Vestry approved the request. (Hoffman, Stringer).

The Finance Committee report was approved (Stringer, Hoffman).

### **Old Business**

The Dean gave an overview of the budget process, in response to a request about budgeting and priorities from Michael Hasty and giving questions from David Berndt.

### **Update on strategic planning process**

Scott Viebranz gave an update on the visioning sessions for the strategic planning process. He was especially taken with the energy and enthusiasm expressed at the recently concluded Youth visioning sessions.

There will be a general session, not specific to a commission, next Monday. Outreach and Evangelism will conclude the last formal session. Scott called our attention to the online survey, which went live today via an email blast.

Information gathered from all the sessions and the survey will be summarized in a report to the parish at our annual meeting in January.

### **Overview of 2016 Every Member Canvass**

Dean Kimbrough and Sam Bessey gave an overview of the Every Member Canvass thus far. There was some discussion around the timing of the launch of the Every Member Canvass.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Senior warden Scott Hoffman distributed a form to complete for a Mutual ministry review of the Dean. The completed form is due to the Senior Warden by November 9.

### **Dean's Report**

Dean Kimbrough called the Vestry's attention to departing seminarian BJ Heyboer, who will finish her time with us in late November/early December. Seminarian Melinda Balsler will continue with us through May, and a new seminarian will join us in January.

The Dean called our attention to the Tithes of Time survey and mentioned that 140 parishioners filled out the survey about how they currently volunteer and serve in the life of the church. There were 210 parishioners who completed the survey last year

The new Breaking Bread Sunday liturgy at 6 p.m. has been successful thus far, with 90 and 65 respectively for the initial two Sundays.

Timothy also gave a summary of a clergy meeting with Bishop Bauerschmidt. The Bishop presented the actions of the General Convention, especially around the adoption of trial uses of certain liturgies.

This Wednesday, Gene Manning and Timothy will gather with Bishop Bauerschmidt at St. Paul's, Murfreesboro to discuss the marriage canons and trial use rites. Timothy stressed that this is a listening time. The Bishop's direction will be made known on the first Sunday in Advent. Dean Kimbrough stressed that there will be conversations to have as a community and we will begin to make preparations for what they may look like. He asked for prayers for the Bishop, clergy and all those involved.

There was an update on staff transitions. In anticipation of Becky Rochford's departure from her post at Coordinator of Christian Education, the Interim Lead Catechist will be Caroline Bauerschmidt. Melinda Balsler will be the Interim Coordinator of Adult Christian Formation. Becky's last day will be Dec. 31. The appointments of Caroline and Melinda are from January to May of 2016. Dean Kimbrough also asked that the Vestry keep these announcements and these appointments in confidence until a full announcement is to be made to the staff and parish.

There is a request from the University of the South (Sewanee) to have the portrait of Bishop Leonidas Polk on permanent loan to the University, pending Vestry approval. The matter will be put to the Vestry for a vote in November.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned.

### **Addendum – Vestry Meditation Schedule**

- Monday, November 16 – David Berndt
- Monday, December 14 – Sam Bessey
- Monday, January 25 – Michael Hasty