

Final

Vestry Minutes
March 14, 2016
Christ Church Cathedral

Vestry Members Present

Ellen Wright (Senior Warden), Donald McKenzie (Junior Warden), Monica Urness, Don Dawson, Arnold Malcolm, Trey Caroland, Jon Stanley, Sam Bessey, Michael Hasty, Tameron Hedge, Katy Sheesley, David Morton, Caroline Rossini, Roger Moore

Clergy Members Present

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

Vestry Members Absent

David Berndt

Other Members Present

Mark McQueen, Dale Maxfield, Scott Hoffman, Anna Grimes Noser

Opening Prayer

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough led the opening prayer.

Meditation

The meditation was given by Arnold Malcolm.

Approval of January and February Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting and Vestry Retreat were approved with changes. (Bessey, McKenzie).

Finance Committee Report

Review of committee report and approval of financial statements – Dale Maxfield presented the Finance Committee report. The Cathedral has a positive variance to

budget of \$19,669. This is the result of a favorable \$694 variance in income being added to an \$18,974 positive variance in budgeted expenses.

Update on transition to new financial software – The staff has encountered minor glitches with the new software but will have them worked out shortly. This has resulted in no balance sheet information being available for January and February. In the near future, the Finance Committee will provide balance sheet information from January to the current month.

The finance committee report was approved (Bessey, Malcolm).

Old Business

Establishment of endowment/planned giving guild – Dean Kimbrough and Sam Bessey spoke to the state of our current planned giving program, especially those who have made gifts to the Cathedral's endowment. They introduced the idea of a recognition society, or guild, for those who have made planned gifts to the Cathedral.

The working title for the society is the 1829 Guild. Members would be anyone who had ever made contributions to the endowment.

There was some discussion around establishment of the Guild itself, as well as its establishment via the rector's office. According to parish bylaws, the rector ex officio may establish guilds.

Website update – Canon Caler gave an update on the website. It went up for a trial use in the first week of December. Based on feedback from about 40 members of the parish, several changes were made. The revised site is anticipated to be available prior to Holy Week. The updated site will also include transitioning to a new parish database system and a web portal to allow parishioners to manage their own records. That part of the update should be available by Pentecost Sunday.

New Business

Parochial report – Dean Kimbrough distributed the parochial report for Vestry review. The Vestry accepted the report. (McKenzie, Hasty).

NOAH membership proposal from Grants Committee, Outreach Commission – David Morton gave an overview of NOAH, a countywide, multiracial social justice organization. The Grants Committee approved Christ Church Cathedral joining the organization. It is recommended that Joe Ingle and Susie Ries be the Cathedral representatives to the organization. It is hoped our efforts will focus on affordable housing, income inequality and incarceration. The Dean pointed out that NOAH membership is also an opportunity for the parish to build engagement with historically African-American churches. NOAH is a recommendation for a new spending initiative for 2016. There was discussion as to whether the \$4,000 membership dues will come out of the Grants Committee budget or as a budgetary line item.

Approval of allocations from Grants Committee – There was a motion to accept Grant recommendations as presented (Bessey, Malcolm). The recommendations were approved.

Strategic plan update – Scott Hoffman gave an update of the strategic planning process. By Pentecost, it is hoped the committee will complete the first phase of work. It will also include a report back to the parish. A list of the Strategic Planning committee members is attached to these minutes.

Easter Offering – Following on the Grants Committee’s recommendation, the Vestry approved the Easter offering be designated for St. John the Divine Community Center in South Africa (McKenzie, Hasty).

Other Items

Appointment of Cathedral Chapter member – The Vestry approved the nominations of Scott Hoffman and Trone Sawyer to serve as members of the Cathedral chapter (McKenzie, Bessey).

Senior Warden’s Report – Senior warden Ellen Wright acknowledged Julie Sutherland, for her work on the Newcomer’s Brunch. She reminded all Vestry members to complete all three modules of their Safeguarding training.

Dean’s Report – Dean Kimbrough reported on the continued success of Breaking Bread at 6:00, the new Sunday evening liturgy launched last October. Average attendance is around 60, primarily 18-40 years old. He reminded the Vestry of the presence of the Gordon United Methodist youth group this Palm Sunday. He reminded the Vestry to seek out the emerging Confirmand class and hold them in our prayers.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grimes Noser, Clerk

Attach.

Addendum:
Strategic Planning Committee Members

Ed Burgess
Rebecca Collins
Burgin Dossett
Emily Freitag
Scott Hoffman
Gracie Killman
Steve Lasley
Anna Noser
Capell Simmons
Pete Stringer
Scott Viebranz
Ellen Wright

Joshua Caler
Gene Manning
Timothy Kimbrough

Dianne Green