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Vestry Minutes
July 25, 2016
Christ Church Cathedral

Vestry Members Present

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

Vestry Members Absent

Arnold Malcolm, Monica Urness, Jon Stanley

Clergy Members Present

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Dean, The Rev. Canon Joshua Caler

Other Members Present

Dale Maxfield

Opening Prayer

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough led the opening prayer.

Meditation

Donald McKenzie gave the meditation.

Approval of June Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were approved with changes. (Bessey, Dawson).

Finance Committee Report

Review of committee report and approval of financial statements – Dale Maxfield presented the Finance Committee report. (Income and expense: Hasty, McKenzie; balance sheet: Berndt, Wright). There is a positive variance to budget of \$7,394. Cash reserves remain just below 25 percent on a moving average basis.

There were several action items from the Finance Committee that were presented for approval by the Vestry:

1. Gift of \$2,500 to Peggy Tucker on her retirement, to be taken from Cash Reserves (Rossini, McKenzie).
2. Gift of \$2,000 to Joshua Caler on his transition, to be taken from cash reserves (Bessey, Stanley).
3. Request \$6,000 for clergy transition, to cover travel and moving costs - to be taken from cash reserves (Wright, Berndt).

Old Business

Strategic plan update – Senior Warden Ellen Wright gave an update on the strategic plan process. She encouraged all Vestry members to attend the parish-wide update meeting scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11.

Episcopal School of Nashville update – The Vestry Officers and Finance Committee recommended that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry appropriate \$20,000 as a one-time gift for the benefit of the Episcopal School of Nashville, to be paid from the Cathedral's Opportunity Fund. The motion was accepted (Bessey/Caroland). The motion was approved with 1 abstention (Dawson) and 1 recusal (McKenzie).

Staff Transitions Update – Nancy Wilson is in place as membership secretary and part-time secretary. Roger Saterstrom will begin his work as Deacon for Outreach on September 11.

Desiree Smith will come in to coordinate electronic communications on a part-time basis. She is also half-time at St. Philip's Donelson.

Dean Kimbrough also mentioned that Canon Caler's last Sunday will be Aug. 21.

New Business

Meet Matthew Lewis by Skype – Bebe Harton, Win Bassett and Charlie Cook, Jr. were introduced as part of the committee detailed to assist with the candidate search that resulted in the presentation of Rev. Matthew Lewis, to replace Canon Caler. He comes to us as Assistant Rector for Youth Ministries at Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta, Ga. The Rev. Lewis took time from his trip through Europe to meet the Vestry via Skype.

Pledge drive beginnings – The fall pledge drive is getting underway. Trey Tally is the chair of the Stewardship committee; co-chair is Jill Meese, who will assume the role of chair next year. The Cathedral is getting started on the campaign much earlier this year.

Demonstration of a new sound system – with David Berndt’s help, and with representatives from AV company Technical Innovation, a demo of a new sound system was performed recently. The demo was well received. The AV and Finance committees will provide recommendations for next steps in a report to be delivered at the September vestry meeting.

Senior Warden’s Report – Senior warden Ellen Wright called attention to several events: Caleb Kimbrough’s wedding is this Friday at 5:00, and the Hundred Hands of Mercy event is on August 27.

Dean’s Report – Dean Kimbrough highlighted several developments in our parish life. Attendance at Breaking Bread@6 has been very strong through the summer. Out of his April trip in Haiti with Matthew Bourlakas, he called our attention to the formation of a school – 65 students without a sponsor. There will be a report to the parish in the fall on how we can help the school, which might include the designation of a seasonal offering as a way to introduce the ministry to the Cathedral. Funds go through the Episcopal Partnership program to support projects vetted by the Diocese of Haiti. He also highlighted his trip to the ordination and consecration of Jo Bailey Wells as the Bishop of Dorking. She preached at Joshua’s ordination (Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville) and until recently served as chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Wells will return to the Christ Church pulpit in early 2017.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grimes Noser, Clerk