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**Christ Church Cathedral
Vestry Minutes
April 24, 2007**

Vestry Members Present

Sam Bessey (Junior Warden), Trey Caroland, Catherine Clark, Charlie Cook III, Michael Hasty, Tameron Hedge, Mary Herbert Kelly, Arnold Malcolm, Anna Rodriguez Masi, David Morton, Gibson Prichard, Caroline Rossini, Katy Sheesley

Vestry Members Absent

Roger Moore (Senior Warden), David Berndt

Clergy Members Present

The Very Rev, Timothy Kimbrough, Dean & Rector, The Rev. Matthew Lewis, Assistant to the Rector, The Rev. Roger Saterstrom, Deacon

Other Members Present

Scott Hoffman, Ken King, Mark McQueen

Other Guests Present

The Rev. Melissa Smith, Ms. Nontombi Naomi-Cecilia Tutu

Opening Prayer

Dean Kimbrough led the opening prayer.

Meditation

Anna Rodriguez Masi delivered the meditation.

Approval of March Minutes

The minutes of the March Vestry meeting were approved with corrections.

(Bessey, Morton)

Finance Committee Report

Mark McQueen presented the Finance Committee Report. The income and expense reports were approved (Bessey, Hasty), and the balance sheet was approved (Malcolm, Bessey). The operating budget is tracking the budgeted projections. There is a positive variance to budgeted income of \$4,780, and a positive variance to budgeted expenses of \$2,357, for a total positive variance of \$7,137. A continuing negative variance for property management expenses is largely the result of a \$15,000 landscaping bill paid in January for work done in December of 2016, plus an increase in copier lease expense. Designated offerings show a net favorable variance to budget of \$1,425, due in part to gifts designated for Breaking Bread@6, the Absalom Jones Day celebration, and in commemoration of Sub-Dean Gene Manning's retirement.

A request was made for the Vestry to be provided with a monthly report on expenditures made from the Opportunity Fund.

Old Business

Sound System Update – Dean Kimbrough reported that the EQ (audio frequency equalization) throughout the nave and chancel has been adjusted and corrected. The old speakers will be pulled out of the walls in June. The microphones have been tweaked to improve their function. Although there still seem to be some “dead pockets” where the sound reception is imperfect, the general reaction from parishioners has been quite positive.

Implementation Committee Report – Scott Hoffman provided an update on the Implementation Committee's activities. He reported that the Committee had met as a group with Bob Hotz, of American City Bureau (ACB), to discuss the results of his Readiness Assessment and to plan future steps in the implementation process. The Cathedral has executed a development agreement with ACB. The groundwork is presently being laid to identify and arrange meetings with approximately 40 key parishioners in anticipation of a fundraising campaign. Rebecca Collins has been an important participant in the process of identifying the 40 parishioners who will be contacted, in addition to the Dean and Vestry wardens. The Committee is working on creating a document that will be handed out in the course of the interviews. In addition, conceptual drawings of potential new and remodeled Cathedral facilities will be created and used in the interviews. The structure is in place for the Communication Commission to periodically update a blurb in the Sunday bulletin to keep parishioners apprised of progress toward realization of the Strategic Plan. The Third Party Partnership (TPP) is making gradual progress on negotiating the terms of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with a prospective developer of the space occupied by Parking Lot C, although negotiations have slowed recently due to delayed responses from the developer to proposed changes in the LOI made by the TPP.

New Business

Presentation of Rev. Lissa Smith, candidate for the position of Associate for Pastoral Care and Cathedral Life – The Rev. Lissa Smith, presently serving as a priest at St. Augustine’s Chapel, Vanderbilt University, met with the Vestry and Clergy, and shared her vision for the role that she might fill as an associate priest at the Cathedral. Rev. Smith is the candidate unanimously recommended by the four-person search committee to replace retiring Sub-Dean Gene Manning. After making her presentation and responding to questions from the Vestry and Clergy, Rev. Smith departed and the Vestry engaged in a thorough discussion of her candidacy, at the end of which a motion to call Rev. Smith to fill the position of Associate for Pastoral Care and Cathedral Life, commencing in July of 2017, was unanimously approved by the Vestry (Bessey, Morton).

Presentation of Naomi Tutu, candidate for the position of Deacon -- Naomi Tutu, currently enrolled in an Anglican Studies program at Virginia theological Seminary (and due to receive her diploma in May of 2017), met with the Vestry and Clergy. Ms. Tutu discussed her background as an activist for social justice and the events and circumstances that led to her desire to enter the priesthood. Bishop Bauerschmidt has proposed that the Cathedral receive Ms. Tutu as a temporary curate, functioning in the position of transitional deacon on the clergy staff. After making her presentation and responding to questions from the Vestry and Clergy, Ms. Tutu departed and the Vestry engaged in a detailed discussion of her candidacy, at the end of which a motion was made to receive Ms. Tutu as a curate at the Cathedral, beginning in early September, 2017, with the determination of the source and amount of her compensation to be referred to the Finance Committee (Prichard, Cook). The motion was unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ken King, Clerk