



SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Vestry Minutes **September 26, 2011**

Attendees: David Abbott, Scott Barker, Susan Chenier, Jim East, Jane Horn, Mary Frances Kelley, Newt Klusmire, Larry Kueter, Kaye Siemers, Tom Stoever, Mary Ellen Williams, Peter Eaton, Drew Van Culin, Rebecca Crummey, Blake Sawicky, Kim McPherson, Stephen Tappe

Absent: Brad Case, Mitch Connolly, Kay Kotzelnick, Frank Scott,

Guests: Angela Lieurance, Will Nicholson, Chuck Thompson, Chris Auxier

Summary of Action(s) Taken:

None

Consent Actions taken with no discussion:

Approved minutes for the August meeting

Expression of gratitude to Michael Wright for his service to the Cathedral

The Vestry members present signed Blake Sawicky's nomination for ordination

Call to Order: 7:17 PM by Senior Warden Tom Stoever

Information:

- (a) Clergy reports: Drew Van Culin reported that plans for the Wilderness Service as it changes from season to season are proceeding well.
- (b) Staff reports: Senior Warden Tom Stover reported that:
 - a. An interested buyer for the Hook organ visited to hear the organ.
 - b. Reminded the Vestry that nominations for next year's Vestry nominees are due October 6th. To date only 3 nominations are in hand.

Discussion:

- (a) Investment Committee report presented by Will Nicholson, see page 23-27 of the Finance Binder for the September meeting.
- (b) Clarkson Community report presented by Chris Auxier with assistance from Kaye Siemers; a PowerPoint presentation of conceptual plans and an update on the feasibility study.
- (c) Stewardship report by Angela Lieurance, an update on formation of the lead group and training program on October 12th.
- (d) Treasurer Mary Frances Kelley presented the Treasurer's report.

- (e) Staffing: Drew Van Culin noted that Mike Orr has been hired as our new Communications Director. Mike will join the staff on October 10th. Mike also attended the dinner prior to the meeting and met those present. Drew Van Culin also announced that BJ Britt has been appointed Head Sexton and the Sexton's staff is presenting a variety of ideas to improve their service to the Cathedral.
- (f) Audit Report: Chuck Thompson presented the Auditor's Report, see pages 21 and 22 of the Vestry packet.
- (g) Budget Strategies: Mary Frances Kelley and Drew Van Culin reported that they are going forward with a new chart of accounts and are working on the revisions to this year's budget and next year's budget, which will be presented next month. The updated budget for this year will be distributed to the Vestry and comments, if any, should be submitted to Mary Frances Kelley by October 15th.
- (h) Communications Strategies: Drew Van Culin that a strategic review of the communications program and its support needs (hardware and software) are being addressed along with the need to plan ahead, for example our Christmas communications should be well along now.
- (i) Revisions to the Standing Committees: Tom Stoeber presented a revised chart that only contemplates adding the Buildings & Grounds Committee at this time. Concern over the "Buildings and Grounds" name was expressed and "Cathedral Home" or some similar name was suggested as an alternative. There will be a resolution on this for the next meeting. Any comments should be promptly sent to Tom.

New Business:

- (a) Blessing of Same-gender Relationships: Peter Eaton reviewed the diocesan discernment leading to the recently received letter from Bishop O'Neil. Rebecca Crummy has been asked to form a discernment committee for this effort. The Vestry asked that an outline of the required steps in the discernment procedure and a clarification of who makes the final decision along with a draft resolution on the Vestry's support for the process be prepared for the next meeting.
- (b) Meeting Schedule for 2012: tabled.

Decisions:

No items for decision were presented.

Consent Agenda:

- (a) The minutes for the August meeting were approved
- (b) The Vestry notes its appreciation for the service and work of Michael Wright at the Cathedral.
- (c) Blake Sawicky passed around his nomination for ordination that was signed by those Vestry members present; see the second to last paragraph of the Curate's report in the Vestry packet for September.

Adjourned: 9:50 PM

Closing prayer: Peter Eaton

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Abbott, Jr.
Clerk to the Vestry