

**Christ Church Cathedral
Minutes of the Vestry
September 22, 2008**

Vestry members in attendance: Pete Stringer, Stanford Adams, Ken King, Marian Ott, Libby Patterson, Ed Burgess, Sigourney Cheek, Christy Hooper, Thor Urness, Hal Johnson, Sandra Merritt, Tobi Nolan

Clergy in attendance: Anne Stevenson, Matthew Corkern

Also in attendance: Mark McQueen

The Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008. Pete Stringer called the meeting to order. Christy Hooper gave the meditation.

Warden's Time:

- Pete Stringer requested that all vestry members complete a pledge card by October 5 when the stewardship campaign begins.
- Pete Stringer reported that six nominations for vestry have been received. All nominations should be completed by October 1. Nomination forms can be completed from the church website.
- Caroline Bauerschmidt and Susie Ries have submitted a request for \$500 to support the "All Women are Daughters" conference on November 7-9 at Dubose Conference Center. The conference is a diocesan-wide event, but currently receives no funding from the diocese. The requested funds would provide scholarship support to participants. The vestry discussed the possible provision in the 2009 budget of a discretionary fund for such worthy, but unanticipated events. The following resolution was then introduced and seconded: *Resolved, that the Vestry approve the expenditure of \$500 to be used for scholarship assistance to attendees of the "All Women are Daughters" conference in November 2008.*
- Pete Stringer indicated that he and Stanford Adams are discussing plans to support the Youth and Young Adult programs after Matthew Corkern leaves the Cathedral to begin his new ministry.
- Pete Stringer reported that the search committee has narrowed the field of candidates to six, and has formed four visiting teams. The search committee hopes to have three candidates visit the Cathedral in mid-November in order to meet with the full search committee and the Bishop. The vestry will meet the final candidate before making a call. The search committee hopes to be able to recommend a call by mid-December.
- Pete Stringer reported that the Cathedral will be receiving an unrestricted gift from a parishioner's estate.

Report by Interim Rector:

The Rev. Anne Stevenson reported an enthusiastic beginning to the church school year. While Sunday attendance is down slightly, the First Friday service had 250 attendees, and the fall symposium brought in more than 80 attendees – many from outside the church.

She reported that Matthew Corkern will be greatly missed as he leaves the Cathedral to lead Trinity Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama.

Approval of Minutes: The following resolution was introduced and seconded:
Resolved, that the Vestry approve the minutes of its September 3, 2008 meeting.
Unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Vestry Time: Reports from Cluster Liasons

Administrative: Ed Burgess submitted a written report.

Outreach: Thor Urness submitted a written report.

Sacred Space: Ken King submitted written reports.

Membership Care: Sigourney Cheek submitted written reports. She added that the cluster has put much energy into forming foyer groups during this transition time, and that 173 people have joined foyer groups.

Spiritual Formation: Christy Hooper submitted written reports.

New Business:

- The Cathedral will mail its first stewardship letter and narrative budget next week. The emphasis of this campaign will be on increasing participation, regardless of the dollar amount given. To date, \$225,000 has been pledged, a 0.8% increase over this time last year.
- Pete Stringer encouraged vestry members to attend at least one Cathedral event in October.
- On October 12, Bob and Judy Fisher will lead the Dean's Forum, discussing their new book about the death of a loved one in the September 11 attack.

Old Business: None.

Key Dates:

Oct. 1: Wednesday Evening Dinner and Program: Bishop Bauerschmidt 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 3: First Friday Service 6 p.m.
Oct. 4: Blessing of the Animals 10 a.m.
Oct. 5: Vesper Service for Belmont meeting 4 p.m.
Oct. 5: Contemplative Concert 6 p.m.
Oct. 8: Wednesday Evening Dinner and Program 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 12: Taize 6 p.m.
Oct. 15: Wednesday Evening Dinner and Program 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 21: Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.
Oct. 22: Wednesday Evening Dinner and Program 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 24: Michael Velting Organ Concert 8 p.m.
Oct. 29: Wednesday Evening Dinner and Program 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tobi Nolan, Clerk

Attachments and handouts:

Vestry Agenda, September 22, 2008
Vestry Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2008
Attendance Data, September 2008
Administrative Cluster Report, September 18, 2008
Finance Committee Report, September 2008
Budgeted Income and Expense Statement, August 2008
Balance Sheet, August 2008
Outreach Cluster Report, August 2008
Cathedral Guides Report to Sacred Space Cluster, August 2008
Membership Care Cluster Report, August 2008
Spiritual Formation Cluster Report, August 2008