

Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Minutes

March 20, 2023

900 Broadway, Nashville, TN

Vestry Members Present: Erica Chappell, Brad Daugherty, Chris Isbell, Hal Johnson, Donald McKenzie, David Morton, Susie Ries, Eran Stanley, Sarah Tally, Jay Wellons, John Whitaker, Amy Woodson, Tyler Yarbro

Vestry Members Absent: Billy Ballard, Kelsey Urness

Clergy Members Present: The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, The Rev. Canon Anna Russell Friedman, the Rev. Canon Lissa Smith, the Rev. Richard Wineland

Others Present: Dale Maxfield, Mark McQueen, Caroline Rossini

Opening Prayer

Dean Kimbrough opened the meeting in prayer.

Approval of Retreat Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from February's Vestry meeting (retreat) were unanimously approved (Ries, Tally).

Report from the Finance Committee

Dale Maxfield presented the January and February financial statements. The Income statement as accepted (Johnson, Whitaker) as was the Balance Sheet (Ries, Morton). Dale then presented the Capital campaign report.

Dale provided an update on parking research. HRI is running ahead of schedule on construction, and the garage will be open sooner than expected. Ellen Wright has helped research parking vendors; the Finance Committee has taken her findings under advisement and will bring more information to the Vestry soon.

Report from the Christian Formation Commission

Susan Barge, chair of the Christian Formation Commission, shared a report on the work of their commission over the last year. There is a written report, attached as an appendix.

Report from Building Committee

Architects at EOA are working on the next set of design drawings. The Building Committee meets with them on biweekly basis to provide feedback and input as these drawings are being developed. The Building Committee has retained engineers to complete a site assessment.

Designation of Easter Offering

The recommendation from the grants committee for designation of the Easter Offering was unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral meeting on March 20, 2023, designates the 2023 Easter Offering be given to Episcopal Relief & Development for earthquake relief in Turkey (Grants Comm., Tally)

Discussion of Candidates for the Diaconate

The Vestry considered and unanimously approved the following two resolutions supporting Mary McCarthy and Brooks Smith to ordination to the diaconate:

Resolved, that the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral meeting on March 20, 2023, affirms that we do certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that Mary McCarthy, for the last three years has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto. And, moreover, we think Mary McCarthy a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons. (Daugherty, Ries)

Resolved, that the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral meeting on March 20, 2023, affirms that we do certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that Brooks Smith, for the last three years has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto. And, moreover, we think Brooks Smith a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons. (McKenzie, Isbell)

Report from the Isaac Project

Brad Daugherty shared some updates and ideas from the Isaac Project. He will reach out to Karmin and John to approach commission chairs about setting up dinner group conversations about the work of Isaac Project.

The committee is working on a series of brief historical blurbs that will be shared as a series. They may be available at the next vestry meeting for review.

Update re: Processional Cross

John Whitaker presented the recently restored processional cross. The cross is 117 years old and the original inscription (dated Christmas 1905) had worn off. Ben Caldwell fully restored the cross, including replicating the original inscription, with no cost to the church.

Medical Advisory Update

Jay Wellons provided an update on Covid protocols at the church. Although these conversations have not been at the forefront as the pandemic has waned, the medical advisory team has continued to consult behind the scenes. Trends in the community are promising, and the practices here at Christ Church match the best practices as recommended by the CDC.

Dean's Report

Dean Kimbrough shared an overview of our worship schedule for Holy Week 2023, including a Taize-inflected Tenebrae liturgy on Wednesday; stations for foot washing on Maundy Thursday; a midday Good Friday liturgy as well as participation with Gordon Memorial UMC's Good Friday

Offering at 6pm – a reflection on the final words of Jesus; Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil (13-14 for adults for confirmation/reception, about 10 youth for confirmation); and Easter celebrations on Sunday morning.

Executive Session

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, April 24. There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Rossini, Clerk

Christian Formation Commission

Report to the Vestry

March 20, 2023

<u>Vestry Liaisons:</u>	Eran Stanley, Jay Wellons
<u>Commission Chair:</u>	Susan Barge
<u>Commission Members:</u>	Rev. Timothy Kimbrough (Interim Clergy Liaison and Adults) Rev. Anna Russell Friedman (Children) Alison Bocking (Youth) Rev. Madeleine Rebouche (Young Adults) Kathleen Gant (Youth Advisory Committee) Lauren Hall (Nursery Coordinator)

<u>Committees:</u>	Children: Nursery & Toddler Atrium, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), Seasonal Celebrations, Children's Baptism Preparation & Formation Youth: Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), Youth Formation, Missions & Pilgrimages, Diocesan Involvement Young Adults: Formation Study, Sunday Offerings, Community Fellowship, Service/Outreach Adults: Dean's Forum, Contemplative Class, Adult Bible Study, Education for Ministry, Lenten Studies, Journey in Faith, Special Presentations
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Charge of the Vestry:

The Commission for Christian Formation is charged with fostering the love of God in Christ through the spiritual, educational, and moral formation of all parishioners from their baptism through their burial. Christian formation through worship, prayer, service, and guided and continuous learning will invite "young and old alike (to) grow into the full stature of Christ." This Commission will work to provide opportunities for instruction on the belief and practice of the Episcopal Church, nurture a thirst for the Holy Scriptures and a facility with the Book of Common Prayer, encourage spiritual practices, and cultivate a sustained theological imagination for all parishioners.

Program Highlights:

- Commission reorganization (see new org chart)
- Significant post-pandemic increase in program participation and volunteer leadership across all areas (see 2022 Annual Report, p.38-47)
- New hires: 4 nursery coordinators

Looking Ahead:

- Consider new ways to maintain Sunday program participation during construction
- Establish permanent clergy liaison and Adults chair
- Continue to strengthen parent volunteer network for Children's programs
- Reevaluate overall Youth programming to increase engagement
- Develop leadership team for Young Adults
- Increase participation in Journey in Faith program