

Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Minutes

May 22, 2023

900 Broadway, Nashville, TN

Members Present: Billy Ballard, Erica Chappell, Brad Daugherty, Hal Johnson, Chris Isbell, Donald McKenzie, Susie Ries, Eran Stanley, Sarah Tally, Kelsey Urness, Jay Wellons, John Whitaker, Amy Woodson, Tyler Yarbrow

Members Absent: David Morton

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

Others Present: Dale Maxfield, Caroline Rossini, Mark McQueen, Ellen Wright

Opening Prayer

Dean Kimbrough opened the meeting in prayer.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

The minutes from April's Vestry meeting were approved with amendments (Whitaker, Ballard).

Report from the Finance Committee

Dale Maxfield presented April financial statements. The Income Statement was accepted (Isbell, Johnson), as was the Balance Sheet (McKenzie, Ballard). Dale also reviewed the Cash Reserves report and Capital Project Finance report.

Ellen Wright joined the meeting to discuss her the results of her in-depth research of options for parking vendors.

Resolved, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, authorizes the Vestry Officers to engage legal counsel to negotiate a contract for PMC Parking to serve as the parking vendor for the new garage spaces and Lots A and B, and delegates responsibility to the Vestry Officers to execute that contract if and when favorable terms are reached (McKenzie, Johnson).

Report from Building Committee

Charlie Cook joined the meeting to provide an update from the Building Committee.

Report from the Parish Life Commission

Caroline Rossini shared an update on planning for Parish Weekend Away, scheduled for September 1-3, 2023 at NaCoMe Camp & Retreat Center.

Report from the Isaac Project

Mary Beth Stamps, chair of the Isaac Project Committee, joined the meeting. The Isaac Project Phase II committee is proposing to engage the congregation with its work with a series of short reports in email communications with links to extended versions online. The first four entries are complete and were provided to the Vestry for review. Robust discussion followed about parish engagement with the Isaac Project.

Resolved, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry, meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, authorizes distribution of the Isaac Project committee's first four writings both short form and long form, to be published at three-week intervals beginning in mid-June, pending the appointment by Vestry Officers (in consultation with Isaac Project leadership) of a person to steward parish engagement for the Isaac Project (Ballard, Yarbro).

Dean's Report

To close his final Vestry meeting, Dean Kimbrough expressed his gratitude for the season of ministry we have shared and offered a few reflections and words of encouragement.

The Vestry meeting then moved into Executive Session after Dean Kimbrough left the room to a standing ovation.

Executive Session

Previously there was no Vestry meeting on the calendar for the month of June. Without objection, a Vestry meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 20.

Following positive discussion, the Vestry unanimously approved the appointment of the Rev. Vicki Burgess as interim priest:

Resolved, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry, meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, hereby requests that the Bishop of Tennessee appoint the Rev. Vicki Burgess to serve the parish as an interim priest until such time as a priest accepts the call and begins to serve as the new, full-time Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. (Yarbro, Ballard)

Hal Johnson and Donald McKenzie provided a report from the Fond Farewell Committee. Acting upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Vestry unanimously approved a Purse for Dean Kimbrough:

Resolved, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry, meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, appropriates \$25,000 from Cash Reserves to establish a Purse for Dean Kimbrough to be given at his farewell celebration on June 4, 2023, and invites the congregation to make additional contributions as desired (Johnson, McKenzie).

ADDENDUM:

To formalize what was discussed during the Vestry meeting, the following resolution was circulated via email on Friday, May 26 and approved with 13 votes in favor, none opposed, and two abstentions (no reply as of Saturday, May 27):

Resolved, that the Vestry authorizes the Vestry Officers, operating in their capacity as Personnel Committee and acting in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding compensation, to negotiate and the Senior Warden to execute the Letter of Agreement between Christ Church Cathedral and the Rev. Vicki Burgess for her appointment as interim rector.