

## **Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Minutes**

Monday, November 27, 2023

Christ Church Cathedral

**Members Present:** Billy Ballard, Brad Daugherty, Chris Isbell, Donald McKenzie, Susie Ries, Eran Stanley, Sarah Tally, Kelsey Urness, Jay Wellons, John Whitaker (Junior Warden), Amy Woodson, Tyler Yarbrow (Senior Warden)

*Via Zoom:* Erica Chappell, Hal Johnson

**Members Absent:** David Morton

**Clergy Present:** The Rev. Vicki Burgess, the Rev. Anna Russell Friedman, the Rev. Mary McCarthy, the Rev. Madeleine Rebouché, the Rev. Richard Wineland

**Others Present:** Mark McQueen, Caroline Rossini

### **Opening Prayer**

The Rev. Vicki Burgess opened the meeting in prayer.

### **Meditation**

Chris Isbell offered a meditation from *The Greatest Gift* by Ann Voskamp.

### **Approval of October Minutes**

The minutes from October's Vestry meeting were approved with amendments (Tally/Whitaker).

### **Report from Finance Committee**

Dale Maxfield presented the financial statements. The Income & Expense Statement was accepted (Isbell, Ballard) as was the Balance Sheet (Whitaker, Wellons). He also presented the capital project finance report and the annual pledge campaign report.

The finance committee provided a first draft of the 2024 budget, which Dale reviewed. A provisional budget will be presented at next month's meeting.

Christ Church Cathedral's 2024 Fair Share request from the Diocese is \$292,772. The finance committee recommends approving the full amount for 2024. The motion was unanimously approved (McKenzie, Daugherty).

### **Letter of Support for Candidacy for Heather Daugherty**

Heather Daugherty joined the meeting to share about her calling and journey toward seeking ordination. With one abstention (Brad Daugherty, postulant), the Vestry members present in-person at the meeting signed their names on a Letter of Support for Candidacy for Heather Daugherty.

### **Report from Liturgy Commission**

Donald McKenzie and Amy Woodson shared an update from the Liturgy Commission.

### **Report from Vestry Nominating Committee**

John Whitaker shared an update on the Vestry Nominating Committee. Susan Hudson has agreed to serve as the chairperson. The window for members of the parish to suggest names for consideration began on November 12 and will conclude on December 3. The Committee has decided to utilize a service called Simply Voting to manage the online component of the election. Paper ballots will be made available by request. The following resolution passed with one abstention (Yarbro) and none opposed:

**RESOLVED**, that the Vestry officers be directed to seek permission of the Bishop and Chancellor to conduct the election for the Vestry class of 2027 by electronic ballot and to exclude the provision to have nominations from the floor (Whitaker, Ballard).

### **Report from Search Committee**

Sarah Tally provided an update from the Search Committee. The consulting firm is interpreting survey results and will share that information with the committee this weekend. Focus conversations, which will be opportunities for qualitative feedback and thoughts, will take place on January 14 and 21 during Sunday school hour, with some additional times for those who are unable to meet on Sunday mornings (formation teachers, staff, etc).

### **Selection of Delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention**

The following resolution was unanimously approved (Yarbro, Isbell):

**RESOLVED**, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry, at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 27, 2023, elects the following delegates and alternate delegates to represent Christ Church Cathedral at the upcoming 2024 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee:

Delegates: Tyler Yarbro, John Whitaker, Dale Maxfield, Caroline Rossini, Brad Daugherty, and Pete Stringer

Alternate Delegates: Catherine Clark, Heather Daugherty, Roger Moore, Charlie Cook, Scott Hoffman, Maura Sullivan

### **Interim Rector's Report**

The Rev. Vicki Burgess reported that the Thanksgiving Offering letter has been posted, and the Christmas Offering letter will soon follow. There are two book studies underway for the book *Reparations* as an off-shoot of Isaac Project discussions.

Rev. Burgess noted that Desaree Welch, Canon for Communications, is on medical leave for three weeks. The remaining communications staff will be filling in to keep things moving forward while she is away. The communications team is also working to address an issue with the online Archives on the website and hopes to have a solution soon.

The Rev. Lissa Smith returns from her sabbatical this week and will be in the altar party this Sunday.

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Tyler Yarbro reported that since our last meeting, Alison Bocking, Canon for Youth Ministries, submitted her resignation and has completed her term of service. The 12th Grade class hosted a lovely celebration for her on Sunday morning. Tyler is working with stakeholders to gather information and discern the best way to approach a search for her replacement.

The 2024 Vestry retreat is scheduled for February 9-10, 2024, at St. Mary's, Sewanee.

Various areas of ministry are working to prepare for the demolition of the Annex. Karmine Quiggle is shepherding the work of cleaning out the space. The Catechesis program is recruiting volunteers for a move-out workday on December 17 from 11-2pm.

**Adjournment**

The next Vestry meeting will be December 18 at 6:30pm (following Evening Prayer at 5:15 and dinner at 5:45). There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Rossini, Clerk