

Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Minutes
September 23, 2024
Diocesan House
6:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Billy Ballard, Susan Barge, Sam Bessey, Ellie Gardner, Hal Johnson (Sr. Warden), Christina Isbell, Donald McKenzie, David Morton, David Paine, Susie Ries, Jay Wellons, John Whitaker (Jr. Warden), Tyler Yarbrow

Members Absent:

Anna Grimes, Sarah Tally

Clergy Present:

Anna Russell Friedman, Madeleine Rebouche, Richard Wineland

Others Present:

Ellen Wright (Clerk), Dale Maxfield (Treasurer)

Opening Prayer

Hal opened the meeting with a prayer.

Meditation

Hal gave the meditation.

Approval of August Minutes

Approved (Bessey, Ries).

Cathedral Life Commission Report (Anne Louise Branstetter, Chair)

Ben Turnage chairs the Tour Guides. There are currently 10-25 people/week taking a tour.

Jack Hill and Susan Dupont co-chair Sacred Space Arts Series. The schedule just arrived via mail; kickoff w/Blair string quartet this coming Sunday; looking for volunteers; wishing for hospitality committee to assist with food and reception prep.

Friends of the Cathedral are allied with Sacred Space. Susan called for more volunteers and detailed needs for Bachanalia, in particular. She would like to hand over the reins in a year. Awaiting budgetary updates from this year's Bachanalia from Mark. She needs help stuffing envelopes and writing thank yous.

Gordon UMC partnership: Richard W. will follow up with Reverend Paula.

Report from Finance Committee

Dale reviewed the Income and Expense Statements. Insurance and utilities are driving property expenses. Still ahead on balance. Last two months of the year will either make or break the budget. Approved unanimously. (Bessey, McKenzie)

Balance statement review: construction loan added to liabilities; reiterated the 50/50 split between CCC and bank for the first payouts. Opportunity Fund currently has a balance of more than \$120K. Susie asked for the tithe to Outreach to be clarified. (It is paid out quarterly.) Balance sheet unanimously approved. (Morton, Isbell)

Cash reserves still sit at over 30%, but cash on hand is down. Should float up with the school year in swing.

Construction loan report unveiled. It follows expenses that have come in to date, not what has been paid out. \$4.6M in expenses thus far. \$14M remains to be drawn. Hoping that the remainder of the contingency will not be needed (currently \$500K), so that we can use it for something else.

We need a budget for unarmed security presence at every service on Sundays (10 hrs); Finance committee recommends taking \$15K from Opportunity Fund, if needed, in order to cover the cost. Committee had a call with Michael Mann's firm and was impressed. Aim is to incorporate the cost into the budget next year. Passed unanimously. (Ballard, Paine)

Other Business

Brad Daugherty appeared and received his letter of commendation from the vestry.

Donald McKenzie reported that Andy Osborne will head up the upcoming Habitat build, which will likely be in the spring. Grants Committee will be asked to fund the \$17,500 ask with the Thanksgiving offering. The project usually requires about \$8K over a special offering amount.

Security Update

Masada Security assessment is in our Vestry folder. David Morton reviewed the preventive functions of the company. BDO (Behavior Detection Officer) will work from 7 am until 1pm and then again from 4pm until 8pm. BDO (Brian Medina) will meet with greeters, patrol the parking lot on foot, observe from narthex, etc. Will be the same person every week and during both shifts. Will have a walkie-talkie with Elmarie. Has familiarity with homeless population. Thinking about upcoming special calendar events and our security needs for those. Next steps are an emergency action plan (EAP, cost \$1500) and de-escalation training for wayfarers, ushers, etc., at a cost of perhaps \$1500. There was some discussion of whether weapons will be carried by the BDO. Next step is for David to present request for additional funds for EAP and other options.

Interim Rector's Report

Madeleine reported and read a message from Vicki. Tom's surgery was Friday. He may go home tomorrow or next day. Pain managed for now. She may be with us Sunday, depending on their situation. We will celebrate her in liturgy, and a special anthem has been commissioned for her. She will join via YouTube, if necessary.

Senior Warden's Report

Jay and Tyler were chosen by lots for the Vestry Nominating committee. Hal will announce 3 additional members by next month. Hal also announced Bishop Mostert's impending departure. Next steps for the search committee: please allow the SC to continue their work and offer up prayers. Hal and John were in on the morning interviews for each candidate. Hal has given tours of the building for each finalist and expressed appreciation for the vestry's attendance at the candidates' liturgies and lunch. Search committee will meet on Monday, the 30th. We meet with them on Oct. 2 to hear their recommendation. Our responsibility is to elect the next Dean and Rector, after an up or down vote. We were reminded of Dick Lodge's funeral Wed (visitation) and Thur (funeral).

Adjournment

8:17 p.m. by Hal.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Wright, Clerk

OUR NEXT VESTRY MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 at Christ

Church Cathedral, in Cheek Hall. Meal provided by Madeleine Rebouche and meditation by John Whitaker.