

**Christ Church Cathedral  
Minutes of the Vestry  
March Meeting  
March 22, 2010**

Vestry Members present: Hal Johnson, Catherine Clark, Mary Herbert Kelly, Sandra Merritt, Steve Lasley, Susan Dupont, Dave Goetz, Tobi Nolan, Susie Ries, Sandy Sanders, John Whitaker, John Bridges, Scott Viebranz, Scott Smith, Marie Stringer Yeagle

Also in attendance: Gene Manning, Ann Stevenson, Mark McQueen

The Very Reverend Timothy Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Steve Lasley gave the meditation.

**Approval of Minutes:** The following resolution was introduced by Scott Smith and seconded by Sandra Merritt: *Resolved, the Vestry approves the minutes of its March 5-6, 2010 meeting.* Unanimously approved.

1. Old business
  - a. Medical & Dependent Care flexible spending accounts

Mark McQueen reported that the opportunity for Cathedral staff to opt into Medical and Dependent care flexible spending accounts was rolled out 6 days ago and will end in April. 6-7 employees are participating with more declining. Mark believes that it is a good benefit for staff and not overwhelming for Larry or him to administer, so well worth the effort.

- b. Retirement Committee

Scott Smith reported that the retirement committee met on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Planning is on track: invitations have been mailed; the “God Speed” web page is up ([www.cathedral.org/godspeed](http://www.cathedral.org/godspeed)) – information will be updated there.

Hal Johnson reported that the retirement committee’s activities are on budget at a total of \$10,000.

Scott noted that the gift collecting phase for Canon Butcher’s purse and letters has begun. They will be presented at the Thursday night reception. Participants in the Men’s breakfast will help with logistics during reception.

Dean Kimbrough shared plans for communicating with Canon Butcher after April. His mailing address and phone number will go in the directory. Peggy will monitor his

existing email address and facilitate getting messages to him. Those wanting his new email address should contact him by phone

## Reports from Cluster ministries

### Finance Committee

Steve Lasley reported that the Property committee discussed the safety railing in Cheek Hall; signage and bathroom upgrades. A recommendation on Lot C will be made in the near future.

Steve reported that the Committee recommends funding stone cleaning, repair and sealing on the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue corner Bell Tower (this work was not done several years ago when other stone work was done); and restoration of Stained Glass windows for the windows that were not restored previously.

The following resolution was introduced by Steve and seconded by Hal: ***Resolved, the Vestry approves the Finance Committee recommendation that, at a price not to exceed \$275,000, the stone cleaning and all the window repair be funded with \$100,000 from the Memorial Fund and the rest, or approximately \$175,000 from the \$800,000 portion of the Schillig gift.***

Unanimously approved.

The following resolution was introduced by Scott Smith and seconded by Hal: ***Resolved, the Vestry receives the March report of the Finance Committee.***

Unanimously approved.

### Easter Offering

Mary Herbert Kelly reported from the Outreach Committee that the first \$5000 of the Easter Offering will be contributed to "Relief to Haiti." The remaining portion of the Easter Offering will go to South Africa orphanage.

The following resolution was introduced by Mary Herbert and seconded by Catherine Clark:

***Resolved, the Vestry approves nunc pro tunc the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to contribute the first \$5,000 of the Easter Offering to "Relief to Haiti" and the remainder to Reverend Gwyn Slade's orphanage in South Africa.***

Unanimously approved.

## 2. New business

### a. Stewardship for 2011

Scott Viebranz described the Finance Committee's discussion of recasting the budget as mission according to model laid out by the Dean of Disciples, Services, Evangelists, and

Friends. Scott also encouraged the Vestry to begin thinking about Stewardship as a year-long/year-round process.

The Dean summarized his presentation to the Dean's Forum on March 21. He suggested that budgets tell the story of the life of a community and asked the parish to consider, 'what if we told our story as what Christ calls us to be?' – Disciples, Servants, Evangelists and Friends. Could we think of everything we do in those terms? For example, we might think of worship as Evangelism. Apportion administration according to categories.

Discussion about the Cathedral's previous experience with narrative budgets; keeping parishioners informed about the budget; and engaging newcomers in the life of the Cathedral followed.

Scott Viebranz, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, reported that he is seeking a co-chair. The committee is analyzing giving pattern trends by May and will deliver a rough needs analysis by June so that the Vestry can articulate it as part of the "Every Member" canvas. The Dean suggested a renewal of giving by establishing 3-4 priorities to guide the canvas.

b. Staff planning retreat

The Dean reported that the staff planning retreat will be held at St. Luke's board room on the third Tuesday in April.

c. Cathedral chapter

The Bishop has called a meeting of the Cathedral chapter for April 7<sup>th</sup>.

d. Annual Parish meeting

The Dean suggested that the Annual Parish meeting could be held at St. Luke's or another ministry supported by the church given that the Parish is of a size that makes it difficult to fit into one room at the Cathedral.

The Dean called the Vestry to Holy Week services and to Easter Eve observance.

3. Executive Session

The Dean's Letter of Agreement was reviewed and signed by all members of the Vestry present.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by motion of the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Stringer Yeagle, Clerk.

**Attachments and handouts:**

Vestry Agenda, March 23, 2010

Finance Committee Report, March 2010