

Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2012
Nashville, TN

Vestry Members Present:

Steve Lasley (Senior Warden), Denise Bentley, Lawrence Blank-Cook, John Bridges, Susan Hudson, Kristine LaLonde, Jo Dee Prichard, Susie Ries, Sandy Sanders, Dan Shafer, Ann Walker-King, Tyler Yarbrow, Marie Yeagle.

Not Present:

Scott Viebranz and Paul Myers.

Clergy Members Present:

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Dean and Rector; the Rev. Canon Gene Manning, Sub-Dean; the Rev. Joshua Caler, Curate.

Evening Prayer and Meditation

Evening Prayer was led by Steve Lasley. Susan Hudson provided a meditation on the mercies of God.

Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2012 Meeting

Minutes from the May 14, 2012 meeting were amended and approved.

Old Business:

Communication and the Tithing Statement

Committee members provided their initial thoughts regarding how to address the Tithing Statement within the Cathedral. They will meet with the Clergy, Christian Education Coordinator and Youth Minister to obtain input prior to developing a final recommendation for presentation to the Vestry.

Potential "Cathedral Prayer"

Kristine LaLonde presented a draft of a prayer developed in conjunction with Robert Benson intended to align with the spirit of the new mission statement:

"Almighty God, you made us in your image and call us to share in the renewal of this world: Inspire us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, that the proclamation of your Good News in our worship, in our words, and in our work may lead us into the fullness of your love; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN."

It was agreed that the Vestry will discuss potential uses for the prayer at the August meeting.

Stewardship Committee Update

Sam Bessey presented an overview of the revised approach to stewardship. It was agreed that the Vestry will assist Stewardship Committee members with the preparation of acknowledgement notes to be sent to contributors in the 2011 stewardship campaign.

The Vestry will be advised and involved as details relating to the every member canvass, long term giving and other initiatives are addressed in the coming months.

Ad hoc Committee on Parish Administration

Tyler Yarbrow reported that the ad hoc committee on parish administration is continuing to examine various aspects of the Cathedral's organizational structure, focusing on committees and "clusters."

Ad hoc Committee on Bylaws

No report at this time.

Ad hoc Committee on the Endowment, enabling resolution

The Vestry approved the following enabling resolution to create an Ad hoc Committee on the Endowment:

Resolved, that the Christ Church Cathedral Vestry hereby creates an ad hoc committee to study and report on the following questions as they pertain to Cathedral's endowment:

*What is it?
What will we call it?
Who knows we have it? (Who should know?)
What does it do?
How should we build it?
How will it be maintained?
Who will provide oversight?*

The committee will be comprised of Kristine LaLonde, John Bridges, Ed Burgess, Pete Stringer, John Steele, Marian Ott, Jill Meese, Sam Bessey and Kay Simmons.

Dean Kimbrough will contact members of the committee and will call the first meeting. As previously discussed, the target date for a preliminary report is October, 2012, with a final report in December.

Standing Reports:

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee report was received by the Vestry. Mark McQueen indicated that year to date pledges and contributions continue to be less than the budgeted amount. A year-to-date positive variance in salary in benefits continues to exist.

Fabric and Design Committee - Signage Proposal

Revised signage concepts for use throughout the Cathedral campus were accepted "with great joy" and approved by the Vestry.

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Community Outreach/Global Outreach committees

After consultation with Ken Penegar and Trey Caroland, chairs of the Global and Community Outreach committees, Dean Kimbrough reported that annual designated offerings will be allocated as follows, subject to approval at the August 2012 Vestry meeting:

Thanksgiving 2012 – Global Outreach
Christmas 2012 – Community Outreach
Easter 2013 – Global Outreach
Thanksgiving 2013 – Community Outreach
Christmas 2013 – Community Outreach
Easter 2014 – Global Outreach

Dean's Report

Dean Kimbrough reported on various items of interest. He indicated that the Rev. Dolores Nicholson will continue serving as Vocational Deacon, generally participating in one liturgy each Sunday. He also announced that Diane Green has been hired as the new Director of Communications.

Senior Warden's Report:

Steve Lasley reported that the Wardens intend to present an overview of the Dean's performance review process at the August, 2012 Vestry meeting.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hoffman