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Christ Church Cathedral Vestry Minutes
March 24, 2014
Nashville, TN

Vestry Members Present

Scott Hoffman (Senior Warden), Pete Stringer (Junior Warden), Lawrence Blank-Cook, Don Dawson, Chris Hansen, Susan Hudson, Kristine Lalonde, Donald McKenzie, Anna Grimes Noser, Marian Ott, Jon Stanley, Dan Schafer, Monica Urness and Ellen Wright.

Vestry Members Absent

Paul Myers

Clergy Members Present

The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough, Dean, the Rev. Joshua Caler, Curate.

Also Present

Tyler Yarbro

Meditation

Marian Ott led the meditation.

Adoption of February, 2014 Vestry Minutes

The minutes of the February 7 and 8, 2014 Vestry retreat meeting were amended and approved. (Stringer, Dawson)

Finance Committee Report

Mark McQueen reviewed the Finance Committee report and accompanying financial statements. The report and financial statements were received and approved. (Stringer, McKenzie).

Key Financial Metrics:

YTD Income:	\$38,358	favorable variance
YTD Expenses:	\$ 8, 583	positive variance
YTD Total v. Budget:	\$46, 941	favorable variance

Mark advised that the Memorial Fund is now called the Cathedral fund on the balance sheet. Salaries and benefits are likely to be under budget because of the Cathedral's event coordinator position going to part-time.

Meditation Assignments

Meditation assignments for subsequent Vestry meetings were finalized. A final list accompanies these minutes.

Mission structure rollout update

Tyler Yarbro gave an update on the rollout of the new mission structure. The old committee structure will be ended by Pentecost and the new mission structure will be in place this fall. Most of the commission chairs have held initial meetings with their commission group. The general reception to the new structure has been enthusiastic. The Rev. Joshua Caler gave a brief update on the Evangelism commission.

The Dean suggested that Vestry liaisons take on the responsibility of generating minutes for commission meetings. The minutes would be distributed to the Vestry and then posted for the parish.

The Dean reiterated the reasons for the new mission structure:

Coherence — it ties the work of the Cathedral in with the current mission statement

Accessibility — it aims to make it easier for the newcomer and parishioner alike to involve themselves in the life of the parish

Simplicity/Transparence — it helps streamline the Cathedral's organizational structure, more accurately reflect its current activities and provide for imaginative engagement of future possibilities

Approval of Outreach allocations and Easter Offering

The Vestry approved the Outreach allocations as proposed by the Outreach Committee. (Stringer, Wright). For Global Missions, the allocation was amended to include a

designation of \$2,500 for SAMS missionary support. The SAMS designation is funded from the Global Missions Opportunity Fund, which will be reduced from \$7,127.13 to \$4,627.13. (Stringer, McKenzie). It was the consensus of the Global Missions Committee to support the SAMS allocation.

The Vestry approved the Easter offering to be designated for St. George's Baghdad (Hoffman).

Program review as part of Mission-based budget initiative

There was a thorough discussion of the Liturgy and Outreach Commissions as a part of the Mission-based budget initiative, especially in terms of the kind of information the Vestry needs from each commission.

Cathedral Canon

At its last meeting in early March, the Cathedral chapter voted to name the Rev. Joshua Caler as Cathedral Canon for Evangelism and Parish Life, effective June 2014. The Vestry congratulated the Rev. Caler on his new title.

Formation of Anniversary Celebration Committee

An anniversary celebration committee has been formed to coordinate an anniversary celebration for Dolores Nicholson to recognize the 25th anniversary of her ordination to the diaconate. The committee includes Susan Hudson, Lawrence Blank Cook, John Bridges, Scott Hoffman and Mark Hunter.

Senior Warden's report

Scott Hoffman acknowledged with gratitude the roles of Kristine LaLonde and Robert Benson in composing the Cathedral mission prayer, which initiates the start of each Vestry meeting. He also thanked Mark Mark McQueen for his work to repair the pew racks. On behalf of the Vestry, he welcomed Monica Urness, who had been unable to attend the Vestry retreat along with the other new Vestry members.

Dean's report

Dean Kimbrough reminded the Vestry that Christ Church would begin its Faith/Unity Build project with Habitat for Humanity this year. Fielding Logan is in charge of the Build, where Christ Church parishioners will have an opportunity to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Fielding Logan is in charge of shepherding the Cathedral's role in the Build, which gets underway this fall.

The Dean mentioned that half of the Cathedral's Christmas offering was designated for Habitat.

The Dean also highlighted "How We Die" sessions of the Dean's Forum, which continued with a session that included guests from the Muslim and Jewish communities. They offered their faith perspectives on death and dying.

The premiere of the Passion Cantata takes place April 4. The Dean encourages all who could do so to attend.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grimes Noser, Clerk

CCC Vestry Meditation Schedule for 2014/2015

Monday, April 28 - Donald McKenzie

Monday, May 19* - Chris Hansen

Monday, June 23 – Daniel Schafer

NO MEETING IN JULY

Monday, August 25 – Susan Hudson

Monday, September 22 – Monica Urness

Monday, October 27 – Ellen Wright

Monday, November 24 – Lawrence Blank Cook

Monday, December 15* - Don Dawson

Monday, January 26 – Jon Stanley

Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7 – Vestry Retreat – Anna Grimes Noser

*Vestry meets on the third Monday of May and December due to holiday scheduling