

**St. John's Cathedral  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Bill Erwin, Don Lester, John Adams, Kirk Altman, Lindsey Riggs, Ginny Myrick, Joe O'Shields, Faye Wisner, Deborah Baker, Charles Winney, Steve Busey

**Members Absent:**

Martha Cox, Tommy Donahoo, Robert Hyde, Bill Fouraker

**Quorum:**

Yes

**Clergy/Staff Present:**

Kate Moorehead, Carl Saxton, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

**Clerk:**

Tina Hutcheson

**Finance Committee Chair:**

Dick Wilkerson

**Devotion:**

Led by Joe O'Shields

**Moment of Gratitude:**

Joe O'Shields thanked Tina Hutcheson for the devotion reminders. Lindsey Riggs thanked Susan Corey for her work with the teenagers and confirmation. Meredith Cataland thanked Scott Hill and Donna Myers Perry for putting together Sue's reception. Dean Kate thanked Helen Lane for her donation upgrading our sound and video technology.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Bill Erwin recommended listing Dick Wilkerson as Chair of the Finance Committee in the Minutes. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved as amended.

**Cathedral District Proposal:**

Ginny Myrick introduced the formation of a for-profit LLC which would be funded through grants for the purpose of implementing the suggestions made by the Urban Land Institute to bring new life to the neighborhood surrounding the Cathedral known as the Cathedral District. After extensive presentation and discussion, Bill Erwin made a motion to allow Ginny to

proceed with putting together documents to form the LLC for Vestry approval. Kirk Altman seconded the motion. After additional discussion, the motion passed with one dissenter.

Dean Kate asked Ginny Myrick to step out of the room in order to give the members an opportunity to express any concern regarding Ginny heading up the proposed LLC, which would necessitate Ginny stepping down from the Vestry. After brief discussion, the Vestry agreed that Ginny is very appropriate for this endeavor and invited her back into the room.

As a separate matter, Dean Kate and Steve Busey introduced the park and the issues surrounding its ownership. Bill Erwin, through Steve, made a motion for Vestry approval of the City's transfer of the park property and responsibility therefore to the Cathedral. Ginny Myrick seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Vestry Retreat:**

Dean Kate expressed interest in a Vestry Retreat to be held on Friday and Saturday, 8/26-8/27. She would like it to focus on the six-council system, perhaps including a Dean from a larger cathedral, and also do some strategic planning into the future.

#### **Sabbatical Planning:**

Dean Kate announced that Fr. Carl and Laura will be staying through August 15. She discussed her plans during sabbatical, including her writing, spending time with family, and also her intention to unplug and not be available via phone and email. She directed contact to Fr. David Erickson and Tina Hutcheson.

#### **Reports from Leadership Councils:**

##### **Service and Outreach:**

Bill Erwin reported on Bill Fouraker, that he is improving and sounding better. Lindsey Riggs also commented that she saw him earlier in the day and that he looked good.

##### **Campus and Facilities:**

Don Lester reported that Tim Engemann is working diligently to finish the proposal for repairs to the Rotchford House. He added that the committee is fully aware of the scope of the work and that insurance will cover it. He also noted that the lighting is being redone in the garden. There was additional discussion regarding the Rotchford House. Also, Dean Kate reported that John Rood has offered to renovate the bathroom below Taliaferro.

##### **Christian Formation:**

Joe O'Shields reported on the plans for a Christian Formation Program, particularly for adults next year. He also discussed the success of the forums led by Gregg Kaufman. Additionally, he mentioned Ken Meyers' involvement in Christian Formation. He also commented that Parish

Life and Christian Formation plan to work together on a six to eight week discovery process focusing on community formation. Dean Kate added that Joe is coming to the Cathedral on Tuesdays, joining in on staff meetings and doing formation work.

### **Worship, Music and Arts:**

Faye Wisner urged everyone to attend Evensong on Sunday. Dean Kate added that Adam Greene, the new headmaster at Episcopal School would be preaching. Faye also reported that there will be four senior choristers attending a national training program this summer. She suggested that perhaps in July they are recognized before they go. She also reported on usher training, and there was follow-up discussion regarding the need for more ushers and for those who sign up to actually show up. There was also brief discussion on the listening devices during the services.

### **Stewardship and Development:**

Dean Kate gave a brief update in the absence of both Tommy Donahoo and Fr. David Erickson. She reported that Fr. David is attending an installation at Church of the Redeemer. She also discussed Fr. David returning from a Lily School of Philanthropy. She reported on the engagement of Alexander Haas, a campaign consultant, to assist with the Cathedral's endowment campaign and preservation fund. She also noted that Robert Hyde is doing good research in Archives related to contributions.

### **Parish Life:**

Lindsey Riggs reported that Martha Cox was inspired at the CEEP conference and will be working on building church membership. She also announced a social outing to a baseball game in early June and that the council will do a Coffee Hour to promote it.

### **Finance Report:**

Dick Wilkerson and Meredith Cataland discussed the new auditors. In the interest of time, Meredith gave an abbreviated budget report. Details were provided in handouts.

### **Other:**

Dean Kate reported on Dorothy Jackson's condition.

Ginny Myrick also reported on the feedback gathered from the first review of the DuPont Grant related to the demographics of the Vestry. There was follow-up discussion on the attempts made toward diversity.

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hutcheson