

St. John's Cathedral
Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016

Members Present:

John Adams, Kirk Altman, Martha Cox, Tommy Donahoo, Lindsey Riggs, Robert Hyde, Deborah Baker, Ginny Myrick, Joe O'Shields, Bill Fouraker, Faye Wisner, Charles Winney

Members Absent:

Bill Erwin, Don Lester

Quorum:

Yes

Clergy/Staff Present:

David Erickson, Carl Saxton, Meredith Cataland, Tina Hutcheson

Clerk:

Tina Hutcheson

Finance Committee Chair:

Dick Wilkerson

Devotion:

Led by Ginny Myrick

Moment of Gratitude:

Ginny Myrick encouraged the Vestry to remember Dean Kate and JD during his recovery from surgery and perhaps send food. Tommy Donahoo recognized Bishop Henderson for his participation with confirmation. David Erickson recognized the youth on Youth Sunday. Kirk Altman recognized sextons LA, Freddie and Malcom for their work on Wednesday nights, emphasizing Malcolm for all of his work despite his wife having medical challenges. David also thanked Martha Cox for her assistance with home health care for Malcom and his wife. Martha thanked everyone who supported the loaves and fishes youth fundraiser. Rob Clements of Episcopal School of Jacksonville was also recognized for his service as the board chair, and also Charley Zimmer as past headmaster.

Approval of Minutes:

Kirk Altman made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Lindsey Riggs seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

Reports from Leadership Councils:

Campus and Facilities:

Ginny Myrick reported that they haven't met and have nothing to report at this meeting.

Christian Formation:

Kirk Altman reported that they have been meeting regularly. He described their focus of trying to plan out the whole year in advance. Joe O'Shields added that they are working together with the Parish Life Council. He also reported that they are planning to bring Alpha back during the winter. He also discussed the Dean's Forum and that they will be contacting the Vestry for input and ideas. Fr. David Erickson also added that there is a plan to offer a Bible study on Sundays.

Worship, Music and Arts:

Faye Wisner reported that they have had a meeting and the reading and lector training will be in June. She also mentioned the upcoming Civic Orchestra concert. There was also discussion regarding dispersing carnations on Mother's Day. She also mentioned the new Usher nametags. She also discussed continuing to implement the strategies learned at the CEEP conference.

Stewardship and Development:

Tommy Donahoo reported that their council is branching into more than one group. He explained what each branch will be working on, with Stewardship having its own team and will have a different strategy each year, and Development focusing more on long-term strategy. He highlighted the Legacy aspect. He explained what it encompasses and their focus going forward. He also touched on how closely it works with Archives. Fr. David also discussed the Fall Campaign and the desire for the councils to partner.

Parish Life:

Martha Cox reported that Bonnie Hardman has been working very hard on the social aspects. She also credited Robert Hyde with suggesting that she attend the UPMIFA session at the CEEP conference. She explained all of the benefit she received from the session related to understanding Vestry oversight and more formality of different funds, and also the different ways to think of development and of being a Cathedral. Robert added that FUPMIFA relates specifically to Florida and emphasized its importance. The Alpha program was also discussed in more detail.

Service and Outreach:

Bill Fouraker reported that though he hasn't been at the most recent meetings, he has been in touch with Claude Moulton who advised that they have sent emails to the different groups they work with, such as Sulzbacher, St. Mary's, etc., to learn of any financial needs that could be met by grant, then the council will review them and see if there's something that can be done.

Approval of ESJ Nominee:

Fr. David Erickson introduced the ESJ 5/17/2016 Trustee Committee Report containing the nomination of David Hodges to serve as Chairman and Arnold Tritt to serve on the board. Tommy Donahoo, personally knowing both gentleman, spoke to their character. Ginny Myrick made the motion to approve. Faye Wisner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Report:

Charles Winney reported that they have met regularly. He stated that they have received the annual gift from the Plummer Foundation. He brought the Finance Committee recommendation that the remaining funds, after the reimbursement for the interest payment on the line of credit, be applied to the line of credit. There was follow-up discussion, after which Tommy Donahoo made the motion to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Ginny Myrick seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. In the interest of time, Meredith Cataland gave an abbreviated budget report.

Other:

Fr. David announced that the website would be going live next week. He explained the process and asked each council to invite him to come speak to them about using this resource. Meredith added more detail of how the councils can become more involved with the social media capabilities.

Ginny Myrick also announced that at the next Vestry meeting, the documents for the non-profit Cathedral District – Jax will be presented.

With nothing further, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hutcheson