



Vestry Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.
St John's Cathedral

Call to Order: 6 pm

Members Present: John Bass, Donna Walker Bell, Chris Collinsworth, Glenn Guiler, Scott Hill, Lewis Hunt, Lisa McKenna, Will Ketchum, Patrick Kimball, Lloyd Lewis, Meg Sacks

Members Absent: Martha Cox, Paige Hakimian

Others Present: John Sefton, Sub Chancellor; Mike Bianchi and Jennifer Glassmoyer, GuideServe;

Clergy and Staff Present: Dean Kate Moorehead Carroll, Rev. Mark Anderson, Megan Cochran

Quorum: Yes

Opening Devotion: Lloyd Lewis read a prayer from Every Moment Holy by Douglas McKelvey.

Moment of Gratitude: Lewis Hunt is grateful to Debbie Scroggins for all she does. Donna Walker Bell is grateful for Micha Gibbons for breakfasts and front office help. Dean Kate is grateful to Wendy Anderson for her work with Free Wheelchair Mission. Rev. Mark Anderson is grateful to Patrick Kimball, Donna Walker Bell and Kevin Jones for their work on digitizing our archives.

Approval of Minutes: Upon Review of the April 18, 2024 minutes, Donna Walker Bell motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Glenn Guiler seconded. All members present voted to approve the minutes.

Financial Report: Mike Bianchi reviewed the Financial Report. Due to our strong cash position from the unexpected Plummer payout, we have not needed to make regular funding transfers. The finance committee and vestry will evaluate the need to make transfers in August. Under the Expenses category, Personnel is still underbudget due to a hospitality vacancy. Missions and Outreach have been moved to Designated Funds. GuideServe will continue to fill in new designated funds in the coming months and are beginning to evaluate line items to make them current.

Adoption of Investment Policy: John Bass reported that the Finance Committee has approved the Investment Policy Statement prepared by Bob Hill. The policy brings our investments in alignment with our values. An Investment Committee has been formed. Members are Bob Hill, Jayne Hill and Bill Erwin. We will begin by investing 80% in socially responsible investments to see how the returns compare to our other investments and can choose to change the percentage based on returns. The policy creates a framework for the Investment Committee to work with. The Finance Committee recommends that the Vestry adopt the Investment Policy Statement. John Bass motioned for the Vestry to adopt the Investment Policy Statement as recommended and Patrick Kimball seconded. All members present voted to adopt the policy.

Articles of Incorporation: The nursing home sale settlement was a generational gift we want to use wisely. Members discussed the most recent revisions to the articles of incorporation presented by John Sefton. Sefton will create bullet points of all the questions they will need to answer for the final draft. Members would like the Properties Council to report on needs that could be addressed with a lump sum of 5% of the settlement up front or before the endowment is approved.

Diocesan Report: Will Ketchum presented members with an outline of the exercises that would be used at the third diocesan convocation on 5/18/24. He described them as thoughtful exercises the whole country would benefit from.

The Cathedral School: Rev. Anderson reported that the board of trustees met to discuss the budget and are working on addressing questions with the head of school.

Wellness Center Developments: The fledgling board has had five or six meetings now, all with a spiritual component. Plans are underway to send a survey to the congregation to assess needs and interests. Many people have come forward to offer skills and talents. We are blessed to have so many resources.

Council Reports

- **Formation:** No meeting this month
- **Outreach:** The cathedral is providing for family promise this week through cooked meals and groceries. Free Wheelchair Mission has been very successful. Deacon Anita briefed the council and the children's home in Haiti. Plans are underway for a day of service.
- **Parish Engagement:** Next big event is July 4th.
- **Pastoral Care:** The chaplain group is finetuning their communications. Their purpose is to go into hospitals to meet immediate pastoral needs.
- **Properties:** the carpet in Cummings Chapel has finally been replaced and the floor cleaned underneath. Busey is next. Entry codes have been changed on all doors with codes. A new camera has been installed at the Ingram entrance. The grease trap and dishwasher must be replaced.
- **Stewardship and Development:** No meeting yet this month.
- **Worship, Music and Arts: Senior Warden's Report:** Next seasonal meeting will prepare for Pentecost.

Other: John Bass is working on ways to build our virtual community and suggests using AI generated shorts on Instagram and Facebook.

SubDean's Report: We are still working to fill positions in hospitality, youth ministry and administration. Patricia Moore works in the church office 3 days and in the Bookstore for 2 days.

Dean's Report: More discipleship groups are being formed. It is so important to get together with others to discern God's will for our lives. Dean Kate has accepted an invitation to join the NAMI board. They are interested in our Center for Wellness and the possibility of using our work as a model to replicate.

Minutes submitted by Megan Cochran