



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

**Saint Mark's Cathedral
March Vestry Meeting**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Diocesan House Council Room, 6pm

Vestry Members Present

Kristen Austin
Neshia Alaovae
Jim Buskirk
Amanda Davis, Junior Warden
Andrew Himes
Roberta Kanive
Micah Kurtz, Diocesan Member
Rosemarie LeMoine
Julia Logan, Senior Warden
Mary Maxon, Diocesan Member (by phone)
Michael Perera
Marjorie Ringness
Robert Stevens
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean

Vestry Members Absent

Bob Chapman
The Rev. Canon Marda Steedman Sanborn, Bishop's Representative

Officers Present

Barbara Erickson, Clerk
Phil Lloyd, Treasurer

Officers Absent

John Hoerster, Chancellor
Re Knack, Vice Chancellor

Staff Members Present

Erik Donner, Executive Assistant to the Dean

Call to Order, Prayer, Review of Agenda

Steve called the meeting to order with opening prayer at 6:00PM and welcomed everyone. With Michael Seewer accepting the staff position as Cathedral Sacristan & Head Verger, Roberta Kanive was invited to fill Michael's unexpired term on the Vestry. Roberta was excused from the meeting while the Vestry voted her in to fill the unexpired term.

A motion to appoint Roberta Kanive to the vacant, unexpired Vestry term (expires January 2022) was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The vestry approved the minutes of the February meeting with one change that reflected the use of the word "noted" rather than "moved" in the Conflict of Interest disclosure regarding Madeline Chapman.

OLD BUSINESS

Construction Update

Steve reported conversations with Turner Construction are still ongoing.

Mutual Ministry Review

Steve reviewed the four goals developed by the Executive Committee. Clarifying questions were asked, and *Goal 3* resulted in a change to read: "... participate in yearlong programming that culminates in Earth Day 2020,..." The Mutual Ministry are goals for everyone – ministries, vestry, staff and the dean. Reflection on accomplishments will take place in the Fall.

Upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, adoption of the Mutual Ministry Review passed unanimously with the revision in Goal 3.

Discernment Updates

Malcolm McLaurin – completed his first semester at Sewanee, everyone is doing well, modest financial support from Saint Mark's has been sent.

Chris McPeak – Ordination to the priesthood will be June 18 at Saint Mark's, currently intern at Christ Church, Seattle, expecting their first child in May!

Phillip Lienau – almost finished with Phase 2, committee will meet with him next week and a recommendation will be coming, review with Phillip and the Vestry scheduled for April.

Vi Lynk – close to completing Phase 2, slight change in the track and will not be coming to the Vestry, but being guided by Bishop Rickel.

Robert Stevens – Beginning Phase 2, good committee doing the discernment work with him for the next year.

Kelly Moody – Met with Bishop Rickel and authorized to begin Phase 2; a group formed and will meet in June and spend a year with her.

Lynne Markova – Met with Bishop Rickel and authorized to begin Phase 2; has not yet met with the dean.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris McPeak Endorsement for Ordination

A motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Ordination of The Rev. Chris McPeak to the Priesthood was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Cathedral Foundation Board Member Replacement

Walter Stuteville resigned from the Cathedral Foundation Board as his heart is in other areas (e.g., worship). The Nominating Committee of the Foundation is asking the Vestry to appoint Marc Aubertin to replace him.

The recommendation from the Executive Committee to appoint Marc Aubertin to the Cathedral Foundation Board was passed unanimously.

Bloedel Hall Sound System Upgrade

Six small speakers in ceiling have been replaced, but volume is still an issue, which is impacting our rental income. Sound system audit done, proposal submitted by Lift AV for two sleek speakers on either side of stage opening to provide sound downward and outward along with a soundboard, total cost of \$7,000 not budgeted, may consider capitalizing.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of \$7,000 for a sound system upgrade in Bloedel Hall. The motion was approved unanimously.

2018 Parochial Report

A copy of the 2017 report to use as a comparison against 2018 report was provided. Questions were asked and answered about some of the items in the report. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for growth and decline in attendance, Compline attendance, and different ways attendance is being

counted. Credit to the expansive language liturgy – male and female references – and language that is gender inclusive. Steve was asked about the number of attendees viewing the live streaming of the 11AM service; he will see about having metrics for next month.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2018 Parochial Report as written and was passed unanimously.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Senior Warden

Julia reported that a Vestry Sunday Forum has been tentatively scheduled for May 19. Lynne Markova and Julia are co-chairing the Strategic Planning Committee and will have committee members identified by next month. She also spoke at the Inquirer's Class regarding the vestry structure and thanked Michael Perera for his support. She also attended the second annual Senior Warden breakfast.

Dean

Steve provided a status on the Files of Note. Highlights include: *Carriage House Engineer's Report* where adjustors approved \$65,000 for repairs with a \$5,000 deductible. *Michael Seewer and Greg Bloch* have joined the staff as Cathedral Sacristan & Head Verger and Director of Communications, respectively. *Seattle Service Corps*, through efforts of Neshia, Adam Conley, and Vinh Do, six members are confirmed for 2019-20 with potential space for two more members. *80 people* attended the Liturgical Ministers' Training on March 16. *Cathedral Day* is May 18 and the vestry is encouraged to be present. On May 25, an *Emergency Preparedness training* including how to respond to an active shooter training will be held. Encourage ushers, teachers, worship leaders and vestry to attend. *Wisdom School* is planning a pilgrimage to Iona and Celtic lands in August 2020. *March 28 email* will be sent from the dean regarding an upcoming event that you should attend if you're able.

Ministry/Committee Structure and Reports (as needed)

Diocesan Members of the Vestry

Mary, St. Luke's, Vancouver: things are good, working hard to get Spanish ministry integrated into other two services, number of homeless as clientele has dropped off – will revision, and there is a decline in the number of measles cases.

Micah, St. Columba's, Kent: the memorial garden is progressing; garden boxes are coming back; garden for foodbank and parish by Easter.

Faith Formation:

Youth/Children

Steve reported that a work plan for the Choir School has been developed due to Rebekah Gilmore's three-month maternity leave beginning after Easter Day.

Adult Faith Formation

Neshia: Cristi Chapman sent a concise synopsis of the meeting which is in Dropbox. Episcopal People of Color group is being formed and meeting on the last Sunday of each month; information in *Sundays & Beyond*.

Justice (JMCT)

Julia: David Wagner's Homelessness Ministry Report along with the news that Edwin Pratt's daughter has moved back to Seattle were the highlights.

Marjorie: Lowell Elementary and staff cuts are a threat to Lowell right now. The stability felt at the school in leadership and teachers is in jeopardy, we are encouraged to write a letter to the school board discouraging the staff cuts. Goal of the ministry is to let them know that Saint Mark's is a caring neighbor. Signature collections at back of the nave was discussed but will be a future topic for the vestry consideration.

Creation Care

Andrew: suggested there is a need to build environment awareness along with green practices and that this maybe a good agenda item to help us say what will that would look like.

Hospitality

Rosemarie: She and Jennifer Daugherty will have a report next month. Introverts are and can be hospitable, too.

Communications

Michael: Greg Bloch's update and redesign of the website is going well, events calendar is being managed by Greg and Irene Beausoleil. Social media policy is under discussion. Adam Conley is temporarily taking on *The Rubric*; Michael Seewer will remain on the committee and has ideas for the racks in the Narthex as it becomes the new first stop for newcomers, implementation target is Easter and with no additional expenses.

Stewardship

Robert: will be meeting with Cristi Chapman to begin discussions regarding leadership and seeking a broader and year-round holistic approach. Build on last year's successes.

Finance

Phil: pledges have surpassed what was budgeted. Steve provided a summary of the various accounts – designated, restricted, donor restricted, permanent designations.

Facilities

Jim: reported that they are looking at a landscape design for the campus and the idea identifying, cataloging and preserving the historical artifacts at the church.

Cathedral Foundation

Steve: continuing work in Planned Giving. Small group involved with the pilot phase, presenting to a broader group in the future.

Check out & Closing Prayer

Checkouts were given, and Steve offered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note

Mar 29-31	Mirabai Starr
Apr 21	Easter Day
May 18	Cathedral Day