



Saint Mark's Cathedral
May Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6pm
Diocesan House Council Room

Vestry Members Present

Kristen Austin
Jim Buskirk, Junior Warden
Bob Chapman
Amanda Davis, Junior Warden
Andrew Himes
Roberta Kanive
Micah Kurtz, Diocesan Member
Rosemarie LeMoine
Julia Logan, Senior Warden
Mary Maxon, Diocesan Member
Michael Perera
Marjorie Ringness
Robert Stevens
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean
The Rev. Canon Marda Steedman Sanborn, Bishop's Representative

Vestry Members Absent

Neshia Alaovae

Officers Present

Barbara Erickson, Clerk
John Hoerster, Chancellor
Re Knack, Vice Chancellor
Phil Lloyd, Treasurer

Staff Members Present

Erik Donner, Executive Assistant to the Dean

Call to Order, Prayer, Review of Agenda

Steve called the meeting to order with an opening prayer at 6:00PM.

Consent Agenda

The Vestry approved the minutes of the April meeting with the correction that Bob Chapman provided the Justice (JMCT) report, not Micah Kurtz.

OLD BUSINESS

Rekeying Buildings

Steve reported that the rekeying of the campus begins on June 3. Keys will be issued to those who have satisfactorily and current completed Safeguarding God's Children/People and a background check. An agreement between the keyholder and Saint Mark's will be signed and kept on file.

Carriage House Repairs

Steve reported that the asbestos remediation has been done, roof replaced, chimney repaired, and rest of the repairs should be complete by the end of June.

Habitat for Humanity Team's Work on Campus

Steve reminded all to acknowledge and praise the work our Habitat team has done for Saint Mark's. Redirection of Habitat for Humanity to focus more on corporations has reduced time to help with actual builds, therefore, our Habitat Team began working at Saint Mark's. They have worked on remodels of Leffler House for the Seattle Service Corps, remodeled space for sanctuary, and replaced the carpeting with wood laminate flooring in Cathedral House Room 210. They are currently working on bringing the southwest corner nave ramp up to code; enclosing the back half of Bloedel stage into a meeting room; creating art storage for the Visual Arts Ministry in the crypt and providing dedicated space for archival of artwork. Sanctuary resident Jaime is working with them.

Construction Update

Attorney-client privilege discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Review

Phil reported that Saint Mark's received a "clean" 2018 financial review from Peterson Sullivan LLP, and the report was given to the Finance Committee. Discussion touched on outstanding obligations, unfulfilled pledges, and budgeting for future maintenance. Steve acknowledged the work of Phil, Amanda, and Karen Komoto who worked with the auditors to complete the financial review.

The motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to receive the 2018 Financial Review passed unanimously.

Letter to Church Council Regarding 100th Anniversary

A motion was made, second, and passed unanimously endorsing the letter signed by the Vestry of Saint Mark's to the Church Council of Greater Seattle congratulating the organization on its 100th anniversary.

Adjacent Development Project Planning

Steve reported that the property at E Highland Drive and 10th Avenue E has been purchased by a developer and plans are to build a four-story building with parking.

Locking Narthex Bathroom Doors

Steve described the conversation the Facilities Committee had around the issue of locking the narthex bathroom doors for safety and security reasons. Primary reason is the use of drugs and liability related to drug overdoses. Lengthy conversation took place: security, hygiene, short term and long-term solutions, making choices out of fear, and what is our commitment to hospitality and the homelessness issue. Informal vote taken which led to a decision to engage the Justice Ministries leadership with how do address in a responsible and compassionate way those who will be adversely affected by locking the bathroom doors. Includes what are interim steps to enhance people's safety and what could be a longer-term solution, if any, that those experiencing homeless might receive when coming to our campus. A report back to the Vestry will be requested.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Senior Warden

- Julia sent around a thank you note for the vestry to sign for Virginia Lenker's efforts and success with Cathedral Day on May 18.
- She recapped the April 26-28 women's retreat and suggested it might be something the men may want to do.

- Reduction of Noel House – the future remains unclear, initiated by Catholic Community Services and the City of Seattle’s performance parameters, from five nights to two nights at Saint Mark’s.
- May 12 vestry forum went well; thank you to those who attended.
- Thank you to Steve for a great Heritage Sunday on May 26.

Dean

- Steve announced that “Heritage Sunday was a blast,” and is grateful to everyone for their participation.
- Steve and Cristi Chapman will lead a pilgrimage to Iona and Celtic Missions in August 2020.
- June 15 workshop at Saint Mark’s for clergy and lay leaders, “Turning the Church Inside-Out.”
- Events & Office Coordinator Irene Beausoleil has resigned to continue teaching dance and begin physical therapy school.
- The full-time Director of Operations position has been posted.
- A cleaning service has been hired.
- Steve will serve as chaplain for the Royal School of Church Music in Tacoma. A special Evensong on June 29 at Saint Mark’s.
- Thank you for attending the Active Assailant Workshop on May 25.
- The new sound system has been installed in Bloedel Hall.
- Appeal for the underwriting of a cathedral chair as a memorial/thanksgiving (plus book rack, kneeler, shipping, and tax = \$475).

Ministry/Committee Structure and Reports

Diocesan Members of the Vestry

Mary: St. Luke’s offers a seven days a week women’s shelter, but limited funds prohibit doing more. Difficult to solve and heartbreaking.

Worship and Music

Amanda: Review of the Lenten week services, all went well. Thank you to Michael Seewer.

Faith Formation

Children & Families/Youth

Kristen: Effective July 1, Nicole Silvernale (Youth Ministry) will be a permanent staff member. “Who is my Neighbor?” summer evening program (Kelly Moody). Choir School concert on June 5. Pentecost (June 9): baptisms and run/ride/roll at Green Lake.

Adult

Bob: Cristi Chapman asks us to consider reaching out to those newly confirmed and welcome them. Education for Ministry graduates will be celebrated on June 2 at 11:00.

Justice (JMCT)

Micah: Small group in attendance, reflection on justice.

Creation Care

Marjorie: Met with Steve, Ruth Mulligan, Judy Andrews, and Carolyn White for historical perspective of Saint Mark’s efforts being more energy efficient in its maintenance, repairs, and renovations. Earth Day Northwest 2020: interface with other faith groups to see how we can participate; working with Greg Bloch to display monthly tips/posters around Saint Mark’s. Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage on Creation Care beginning on August 4; former Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will go on the pilgrimage, and there will be a blessing of participants and lunch at Saint Mark’s before they leave.

Andrew: Team presentation to Diocese of Olympia on Climate Change and Creation Care. June 23 Sunday forum topic will be Climate Change and Creation Care. Working on the challenge with the broken HVAC system at St. Nicholas Building (attempting to retrofit the old unit to be highly efficient).

Communications

Michael: Ministry Guide to be published in September; ministry leaders will be asked to update their information and to verify information on the website. Adam Conley is officially *The Rubric* editor. A trial of

publishing *The Rubric* three times a year—September, January, and May; savings of \$3000, will re-evaluate in 2020.

Stewardship

Robert: Lynne Markova (co-convener), Cristi Chapman, Julia Logan, and Ralph Ermoian will be establishing the theme, timeline, writers, and speakers for fall 2019 (2020 commitments), and will begin to look at a year-round approach to stewardship.

Finance

Amanda: Pledges are higher than expected and expenses are down.

Facilities

Jim: A committee has been established for the historic preservation of artifacts that will be cataloged and stored, and possibly displayed. The burst water sprinkler has been fixed.

Cathedral Foundation

Steve: Discussion about being “cash rich but building poor”; no appreciable way to care for the building. The 4% annual draw for Saint Mark’s will be down due to the \$1.25M Living Stones commitment. Planned giving for Saint Mark’s is encouraged.

Check Out & Closing Prayer

Checkouts were given, and Kristen offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note

June 9	Pentecost
June 15	“Turning the Church Inside-Out” Workshop
June 18	Ordinations to the Priesthood
August 4	Former PB Katharine Jefferts Schori to preach at SMC