



Saint Mark's Cathedral

July Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 6pm
Diocesan House Council Room

Vestry Members Present

Kristen Austin
Jim Buskirk, Junior Warden
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 Rev. Canon Marda Steedman Sanborn, Bishop's Representative
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean

Vestry Members Absent

Neshia Alaovae
Bob Chapman

Officers Present

Barbara Erickson, Clerk
John Hoerster, Chancellor
Re Knack, Vice Chancellor

Officers Absent

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 6:01PM.

Consent Agenda

The Vestry approved the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting as written.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Attorney client privilege discussion took place regarding the Turner Construction project.

OLD BUSINESS

Locking Narthex Bathroom Doors

Steve reported that the decision to lock the narthex bathroom doors was met with unhappiness by a small, but vocal group; it has prompted helpful and healthy conversations about having a ministry of

presence in the narthex. The timing of the decision was for safety and health reasons, but it provides the parish with an opportunity to have a conversation about what a true hospitality ministry is. A new narthex hospitality ministry, led by The Rev. Pat Taylor, is forming and they will further the conversation at the Justice Ministries Coordinating Team's August meeting. Steve encouraged the vestry members to consider having a presence in this new ministry and reminded everyone that if they find themselves in an uncomfortable conversation about this decision, to remember that as the leadership, the vestry had solid reasons for fully supporting the decision.

Strategic Planning Update

Julia reported that the committee performed the strategic planning exercises and are now ready to meet with the ministries. The exercise with the Vestry is scheduled for the September meeting. Julia advises that if you belong to multiple ministries and you are invited to attend different sessions, please attend as many as you can as it will provide different perspectives based on the ministry.

St. Nicholas Building Boiler Replacement

The expenditure was authorized last month, the contract signed, the equipment is being fabricated. The plan is to begin replacing the boiler after August 17 when the Steve & Kate's Camp ends, and is estimated to be completed before school opens after Labor Day.

Staff Transitions

- David Wagner, Interim Facilities Manager, is doing great work in getting things done.
- Stephen Eddy, Bookkeeper and Scheduler, is onboard for replacing Karen Komoto.
- Ian Ford is excited about his new job with the Downtown Emergency Service Center. We will be hiring two part-time evening event helpers to support program and facility work, parking management, and campus security. The position will be posted later this week.
- Director of Operations will be hired by the end of August and once the person is onboard, a permanent Facilities Manager will be sought.

NEW BUSINESS

Vestry resignation

Steve informed us that Neshia Alaovae has resigned from the Vestry and has left Saint Mark's. Discussion and a time for reflection was taken.

Bylaws provide how to fill the vacant position – term is until January 2021. Options were then presented and after discussion, the Vestry came to an agreement to request the Nominating Committee fill the vacant position at the next Annual Meeting.

Clergy Discretionary Fund Report

The report shows how the money has been distributed in the past 18 months.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

The Vestry unanimously approved the appointment of Lynne Markova (Chair), Walter Stuteville, Julia Logan, Gerry van Wesep, John Selberg, Mary Mullen, and Ralph Ermoian to the Nominating Committee.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Senior Warden

- Julia was pleasantly surprised that 15 – 20 people expressed sadness about the closing of the Cathedral Shop, but WOW what a great place to have a meeting. She asks that you thank the Saint Mark's Habitat for Humanity for the work they have done around the campus.
- In the last few months hard decisions have had to be made and she is very impressed with how this vestry has taken its responsibility to heart.
- *The Rubric* will be published either the end of August or the beginning of September.
- Sign-up sheets for the Vestry providing food for the hospitality table for the 9:00 and 11:00 services on Sunday, September 29 was routed.

Dean

- Challenges of change bring the opportunity to new ways of seeing things and good healthy conversations.
- Adam Conley is doing a great job with the Seattle Service Corps; there are eight who want to come, and we can accommodate six or seven.
- EAT, PLAY, LOVE! – register to participate.
- No August Vestry meeting.
- Files of Note
 - Bottle Refilling Stations – poster in narthex near where the station will be; “crowd-sourcing” will be used to raise funds and build awareness that water supply is connected to the ministry.
 - Emergency Radio Use at SMC – high frequency emergency radios are available in various parts of campus. Guide available in Dropbox and training for various ministries (child care, ushers, front desk) will take place.
 - Carriage House Claim Settlement/Repairs – Carriage House repairs completed. Insurance paid for all but \$5,000 deductible which included asbestos remediation.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND REPORTS

Diocesan Members of the Vestry

Mary Maxon, St. Luke's, Vancouver: Their AED was stolen; a depleted battery allowed it to be removed.
Micah Kurtz, St. Columba, Kent: Thank you for promoting their July 27 Sudanese Community event.

Creation Care

Marjorie: Meeting scheduled for August 12; information about Seattle's “Green New Deal” to eliminate climate pollution by 2030. Building awareness with possible things to do with Creation Care, Abbey Arts/Earth Ministry combination, Earth Day 2020 and continued tips in *Sundays & Beyond*.

Communications

Michael: Greg Bloch is providing the Saint Mark's ministry leaders with “fillable” Saint Mark's business cards to use and give out when they are speaking with someone. Considering providing an update of how a publicized event went in *Sundays & Beyond*.

Stewardship

Robert: Committee meeting will be held on August 18. Report on Pride Festival: committee met and are planning for next year. Availability of an evangelism grant will be investigated.

Justice (JMCT)

Micah: Conversation about where Saint Mark's is, conversation/discourse to include outside speakers and connecting with those already engaged.

CHECK OUT & CLOSING PRAYER

Checkouts were given and Julia offered the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note

8/4 Former PB Katharine Jefferts Schori to preach at SMC
8/12-15 EAT, PLAY, LOVE! evening program and dinner