



**Saint Mark's Cathedral**  
**September Vestry Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 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, via phone

**Vestry Members Absent**

Bob Chapman

**Officers Present**

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

**Officers Absent**

John Hoerster, Chancellor

**Staff Members Present**

Erik Donner, Executive Assistant to the Dean  
Jim Pannell, Director of Operations

**Call to Order, Prayer, Review of Agenda**

Julia called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00PM. Introduction of Jim Pannell, Director of Operations.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes were corrected to reflect Mary and Micah were in attendance for the meeting, not on the phone. **The Vestry approved the minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting as corrected.**

**Special Order of Business**

The Strategic Planning Exercise for the Vestry was facilitated by Julia Logan and Roberta Kanive acted as scribe.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Construction Update.**

Steve reported the parties have been in conversation, but nothing definitive to report since our July meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Climate Change Quiz**

Steve had sent out a link to a CNN quiz to measure our relative knowledge on ways we can impact, positively and negatively, climate change. Proved to be an eye-opener as to how much we still need to learn. Creation Care is asked to identify a plan and process to introduce the quiz to the parish.

### **Proposal for Zero Carbon Energy Plan for St. Nicholas Building**

Andrew and Steve presented a proposal from Solarc Energy Group to develop a zero-carbon master plan for Saint Mark's (including Cathedral House) and the St. Nicholas Building at a not for profit rate of \$16,214 plus tax. This may provide an opportunity to invite people to be part of a larger plan, not just of a financial nature. **The Vestry unanimously approved the recommendation from the Facilities Committee to accept the not for profit proposal expenditure of up to \$18,000 from Solarc Energy. It will be paid in January 2020.**

### **Corporate Resolution-Authorized Trades-Fidelity**

**The Corporate Resolution authorizes the removal of Virginia Lenker from the account and to add Barbara Erickson, as secretary, was approved by the Vestry.**

### **Resolution to Add James Pannell as Authorized Check Signer**

**The Vestry adopted the resolution to add James Pannell, Director of Operations, as an authorized check signer *ex officio* and to remove The Rev. Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, as a check signer *ex officio*.**

### **Addressing Vacancies on the Vestry**

Steve announced that Bob Chapman has resigned from the Vestry due to his increased workload. Discussion took place regarding the options available to them. It was clarified that the Vestry would make the appointments not through the election. **The Vestry approved the motion to wait until the January 2020 Annual Meeting to fill the two vacancies (Bob Chapman and Neshia Alaovae).**

### **Disposition of Bequest from Mimi Howard Estate**

The Mimi Howard Estate left an unrestricted gift of \$25,000 to Saint Mark's. **A recommendation was made by the Gifts and Acceptance Committee and approved by the Vestry to apply the gift toward the Living Stones debt and to include Mimi's name on the donor wall.**

## **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

### **Dean**

- Files of Note
  - Tent City 3 – SHARE/WHEEL letter discussed.
  - Front Door Ministry – opened doors September 23, good experience.
  - Move of the Wednesday Eucharist to Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm has proven to be a meaningful service as over 20 members have attended over the past three weeks.
  - Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday, October 5 to allow the broader community and neighborhood to participate. Create a new defining liturgy for all.
  - Early October the pews in the main aisle area will be removed. The kneelers are here, and the chairs will arrive the second week of October.

- Wisdom School – Gertrud Mueller Nelson – Liturgical Living: Learning to Dance with God in Every Place on November 1 and 2.
- The ELCA Lutherans will be installing their bishop at Saint Mark's on November 2.
- Creation Care Ministry is grateful for 20 plus members who have embraced this ministry, and a comprehensive shift in how we address this in our common life is hoped to be gained.

### **Senior Warden**

- Thank you to Amanda, Jim, Michael, and Roberta for staffing the Ministry Fair booth. There was some interest in being a Diocesan delegate and in the vestry.
- EAT PLAY LOVE had a good response and was very successful, planning for next year.
- Crisis Intervention Training was well attended; the next session will be held on October 12.
- Attending Spirited Women's Retreat. This is an outgrowth of the Women's Retreat. Potluck dinner and gathering Sunday, September 29.
- Inquirer's Class will be held on Saturday, September 28 and October 5. Topic on the October 5 session is Anglican charism.
- Two hospitality opportunities – Vestry will host the Hospitality table after the 9 and 11am services on Sunday, September 29. Seeking volunteers to bring cookies for the booth at the Diocesan Convention on November 8 and 9.

### **Ministry/Committee Structure and Reports**

#### **Diocesan Members of the Vestry**

Mary Maxon, St. Luke's, Vancouver: Everything is good at St. Luke's; attendance is up and finances are good.

Micah Kurtz, St. Columba, Kent: A coup took place – children and youth took over the service!

#### **Worship and Music**

Amanda: meeting to discuss Advent is scheduled for the last week of October.

#### **Faith Formation**

Youth/Children – Kristen: Discussions happening to help families whose children are not singing feel more included.

#### **Justice (JMCT)**

Micah: Not able to make last meeting, but from reading the minutes, lots going on.

#### **Creation Care**

Marjorie: eight new people signed up at Ministry Fair, parishioner paid for grandchildren's travel carbon footprint and passed along the idea of budgeting the cost of offsetting the carbon footprint for cathedral related travel. Justice ministry leaders and others will be invited to share how Creation Care affects their ministry.

#### **Communications**

Michael: Cathedral Conversations podcasts are now live and well received. Greg Bloch would like ministry leaders to do creative thinking about what they would like to see on their website page – view from the perspective of a newcomer to Saint Mark's. Corrections to the Ministry Directory should be sent to Greg. Blessing of the Animals banner on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue E to invite the neighborhood to St. Francis Day service on Saturday, October 5.

#### **Finance**

Amanda and Phil: things are good, revenue up, expenses down. Welcome new bookkeeper, Stephen Eddy, who replaces Karen Komoto.

#### **Facilities**

Jim: Welcome David Wagner, Facilities Manager, anticipate hired sextant for events (16 – 20 hours). Habitat group is working on the Bloedel stage to create a conference room in the back; still working on the boiler, due to complete September 25; water line in the ceiling has been completed.

## **Stewardship**

Robert: Launch will take place on October 6 with ingathering on November 10. A Constant Contact videos with Steve and speakers are ready. The banner for pledging is changing to a bowl with glass pieces to reflect pledges. The goal this year is to focus on the Stewardship Season throughout the year and to tie it to various activities; the Annual Appeal will be one piece of the effort. Letters with pledge cards will be mailed out; request vestry members return their pledge by the October 22 meeting.

## **Check out & Closing Prayer**

Checkouts were given, and Amanda gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Erickson  
Clerk

Erik Donner  
Executive Assistant

## **Dates/Events of note**

10/5 Blessing of the Animals (Saturday evening)  
10/6 Stewardship Launch