



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

May Vestry Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 6pm
Zoom Video Conference

Vestry Members Present

Kristen Austin
Clara Berg
Carrie Davis
The Rev. Canon Arienne Davison, Bishop's Representative
Roberta Kanive
Karla Koon, Diocesan Member
Micah Kurtz, Diocesan Member
Julia Logan, Senior Warden
Peter McClung, Junior Warden
Emily Meeks
Kari Nasby
Michael Perera
Marjorie Ringness
Robert Stevens
Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean

Officers Present

Re Knack, Chancellor
Phil Lloyd, Treasurer

Officers Absent

Barbara Erickson, Clerk

Staff Members Present

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

Guests

Discernment Committee members: Bob Chapman, Anne Corley, Rachel Crosbie, Scott Hulet, Jim Kress, Sarah McCord

Call to Order, Prayer, Review of Agenda

Steve called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer at 6:00 PM.

Consent Agenda

The Vestry approved the April Meeting Minutes as written.

Special Order of Business: Nomination of Robert Stevens for Postulancy

Members of Robert's discernment committee (minus Robert) joined the meeting to discuss their report and answer questions from vestry members. Then the discernment committee departed, and Robert joined the meeting to discuss the report and answer questions. Robert departed, and vestry members deliberated.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Robert Stevens for Postulancy. The motion passed unanimously, with Canon to the Ordinary Davison abstaining.

Robert then returned, and the decision was shared. The Certificate of Rector and Vestry will be distributed electronically for vestry members to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Pandemic-related Issues & Planning for Eventual Reopening** – We will take our cues from public health officials. When we re-open we will do so without specific restrictions based on age or other discrimination. We will continue to live stream. Financials still looking good; expect it will flatten this summer.
- **Intercultural Development Inventory & Next Steps** – Will keep this on the agenda until everyone has had an opportunity to have individual consultations if desired.
- **Annual Financial Review** – Phil reported that the review is in progress and should be available at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Technology Upgrades to improve speed and capacity**
 - A blessing: more people attended Heritage Sunday virtually on May 24 as compared to if it had been in Bloedel Hall. The coffee hour was attended by people from all over the country and this was an extraordinary experience. This is a great opportunity to do things differently going forward. This may impact how we do Wednesday evening education and other opportunities. Looking at setting up other rooms for streaming.
 - Jim Pannell – Looking to add a gigabyte line. Would increase amount of data that can go in and out. Pacific Office Automation (tech support) connected us with a consultant (data broker). The nearest existing gigabyte line is on Federal Ave., so may need to dig a conduit or trenching. Also looking at the phone service; should be invisible to everyone. It will help with the live streaming and other services, and Compline and connection with KING-FM. Looking to add streaming from Bloedel Hall, including camera set up, and projecting information in-house and remotely. Close to getting a full cost estimate from the consultant. The permitting process is 4-6 months.
 - Steve – The transition from the current setup to the improved technology is a financial wash due to the bundling of fees. However, if the trench work is substantial, the vestry would need to vote.

- **Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Recommendations & Subsequent Motions from the Executive Committee**
 - **Sign on to the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in support of the Hibakusha community** – motion passed by vestry unanimously
 - **Sign on, as a Jubilee congregation, to a petition to the International Monetary Fund to cancel debt and expand aid to bolster health care for countries affected by COVID-19** – motion passed by vestry unanimously with one abstention
 - Review of the vestry’s April 28 statement regarding nuclear weapons: “The Vestry of St. Mark’s Cathedral Parish calls upon U.S. policy makers to determine a timely process for the dismantling of existing U.S. nuclear weapons while urging other countries to do likewise; and be it further resolved, that we urge the President and Congress to explore a moratorium on the production of new nuclear arms.” Discussion to release the statement to the press in August so as to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the bombings.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

- **Senior Warden**
 - Julia reiterated how wonderful Heritage Sunday was and seeing people reconnecting. Also true of the phone calls she is making. People are incredibly positive about everything Saint Mark’s is doing to keep people connected.
 - Attended mental health “trying times” webinar – Shelley Mackaman and Wayne Duncan did a great job. Over 100 people were online and over 300 on Facebook Live.
 - Enjoying leading her Radix group. It concludes soon.
 - Homesick for the physical building and people, but very grateful for all that is continuing.
- **Dean – files of note in Dropbox**
 - Church Council of Greater Seattle thank you letter
 - Nave reopening layout diagram
 - Faith Action Network sign-on letters regarding poverty reduction
 - SMC media protocol – If ever contacted by the media, we are asked to not respond directly but to get their contact info and send it to the Communications Director.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Worship and Music** – Choral Evensong on June 7
- **Adult Faith Formation** – Offerings in a hybrid fashion (virtually and Zoom). Collaborating with Creation Care.
- **Children/Youth Faith Formation** – podcasts, May 27 talent show
- **Justice** – discussion regarding hunger and housing
- **Creation Care** – Successful forums about Project Drawdown. Excited to collaborate with Adult Faith Formation.
- **Communications** – Saint Mark’s has been successful with different types of content including webinars, podcasts, and background music. All of this adds to our capabilities. Final Compline livestream will be May 31 because the choir has been paying for it themselves. Viewership has leveled out, and people are being directed to the KING-FM broadcast.
- **Stewardship** – Bishop Rickel’s webinar: <https://resources.ecww.org/stewardship-and-giving-locked-down-world>

- **Finance** – Generous unrestricted gifts for operating. Easter plate income was good considering the closure. PPE loan was received and will be in next month’s financials. St. Nicholas Building tenant discussions regarding rent are progressing. Seattle Service Corps income from intern sites is current.

Check out & Closing Prayer

Checkouts were given and the closing prayer was offered by Michael. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Austin
Vestry Member and Clerk pro tem

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note
6/30 Ordinations