



Saint Mark's Cathedral

June Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 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 McCung, Junior Warden
Emily Meeks
Kari Nasby
Michael Perera
Marjorie Ringness
Robert Stevens
Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean

Officers Present

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

Staff Members Present

Erik Donner, Executive Assistant to the Dean
Kelly Moody, Associate for Spiritual Formation
Jim Pannell, Director of Operations

Guests

Discernment Committee members: Jenny Donner, James Falzone, Heidi Geis, Marjorie Ringness, Courtney Searls-Ridge

Call to Order, Prayer, Review of Agenda

Steve called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:01PM. Introductions of the Discernment Committee for Kelly Moody were made.

Special Order of Business: Discernment Report for Kelly Moody

The Discernment Committee joined the meeting to discuss their report and answered questions from the vestry members. The committee was then excused, and Kelly joined the meeting to discuss the report and answer questions. Kelly was excused and the vestry members deliberated.

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

Consent Agenda

The Vestry approved the minutes of the May meeting with one correction.

OLD BUSINESS

Pandemic-related Issues and Planning for Eventual Reopening

Canons Michael Kleinschmidt and Nancy Ross are co-chairing a task force to provide a detailed plan for all matters pertaining to the re-opening of the cathedral.

IDI, Systemic Racism, and Next Steps

Arienne led the vestry through an exercise that referenced the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) continuum slide. The current response to police violence and rioting was used to walk through each continuum stage, the critical incident identified, and a developmental opportunity provided on awareness – both for us and others – of what work still needs to be done. The vestry was invited to reflect at the end of each meeting: How is our intercultural work incorporated in our agenda/conversations?

Update on Annual Financial Review

The audit is not complete but remains on schedule: audit report to the Finance Committee in July, August to Vestry for review and approval, then to the Diocese of Olympia.

St. Nicholas Building and LLC Updates

The LLC partners are developing financial and tax documents before the gift can be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Rent Deferral Requests from Gage and Bright Water

Steve reported that the leadership of all parties involved had conversations about the request from Gage Academy of Art and Bright Water Waldorf School for rent relief and identified an approach that calls for a rent deferral rather than rent relief. The Executive Committee supports both actions and provided motions for vestry approval.

The Vestry approved the Executive Committee's motion to revise the sublease for Gage Academy of Art to include the rent deferral for the next 12 months, and the extension of the sublease for 12 months to the end of 2023.

The Vestry approved the Executive Committee's motion to revise the sublease for Bright Water Waldorf School to include a 12-month rent deferral with repayment during the remaining 24 months of their sublease.

Cathedral Roof Repairs

Jim reported the leaks in the southeast and southwest corners of the nave at Christmas have been fixed, but other serious repairs are warranted. A contractor has been hired to address the roof/gutter issues. Wardens have authorized the repairs, and the vestry is asked to approve the expenditures.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to authorize up to \$20,000 for the roof repairs.

Letter of Support for Candidacy: Malcolm McLaurin

Malcolm has been a postulant for two and a half years, will return in August for his candidacy interview, then transitional deacon in December, and ordination next year.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the Letter of Support for Candidacy application for Malcolm McLaurin. Canon to the Ordinary Davison abstained.

Tent City 3 Request

SHARE/WEEL contacted the cathedral for summer accommodations beginning early July and leaving by September 15. The building will be closed, and communal support will be lacking – water and electric will be available. Sanctuary guests, neighbors, and Bright Water will be notified. Additional work for the facilities team will not be inconsequential, but the level of support required is less than prior years.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to open the cathedral grounds to Tent City 3 from mid-July to mid-September 2020.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Senior Warden

- Sending links for the following webinars: Bishop Rickel with Saint Mark's clergy and wardens; reopening; Christian nationalism presented by Lake Washington United Methodist Church.
- Attended the following: Radix ending and debrief, and the Spirited Women are working on a virtual retreat for the summer and will reschedule their fall retreat until next spring.
- Asked to be on a Phase 2 discernment group.

Dean

- Donations to the Clergy Discretionary Fund have been very generous – able to assist many; sent money to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to support social ministries
- Task force for reopening, livestream and virtual connectivity are life-giving for so many and the dean is grateful for the support, livestream will continue but will need increased livestream capabilities.
- Mid-year pledge update will be sent out to those who fulfilled their pledge or to provide status on pledges.
Files of Note—
 - Camp Huston thank you letter – provided financial support through the Discretionary Fund
 - Sample note from Livestream Viewer
 - Clergy Prayer Vigil 06052020
 - COVID Screening Questionnaire-updated June 2020
 - High Speed Internet for Cathedral - June 2020 enhanced livestream, CenturyLink will install at their cost.
 - Black Lives Matter sign at front of the cathedral. Positive response to social media posts.

Ministry/Committee Structure and Reports

Faith Formation

Youth/Children

Kristen: Kelly Moody's report highlights the online podcasts. Summer options for "Taking Up Our Responsibility for Racial Justice" offerings, planning for virtual fall programs.

Adult Faith Formation

Roberta: Canon Cristi Chapman's report shares the plans for the fall and the anticipation of diocesan confirmations at Saint Mark's on November 21.

Creation Care

Marjorie: Small groups are progressing well. Solarc, conducting energy audit, reports are complete and meeting with Creation Care and staff in early July. Results should be available in August.

Communications

Michael: Livestreaming has been moved to a new higher pricing tiered video platform. *The Rubric* will be published online in late August.

Stewardship

Robert: Will be meeting on June 28, working on theme for the fall and scripture passage; list of people to give reflections, write article and be in the videos.

Finance

Phil: Variances are as expected and are leveling out; categorized as "cautious abundance."

Facilities

Walter: Encouraged everyone to read David Wagner's report. Floor in the choir loft has been refinished.

Diocesan Members of the Vestry

Micah: St. Columba, Kent is working on how to reopen safely with facial coverings, social distancing, services outdoors as weather permits; busy with the solidarity march and Black Lives Matter.

Karla: Participating on the St. Andrew's, Seattle reopening task force.

Canon to the Ordinary

Arienne: In addition to standard canon tasks, the current events have changed work direction, intentional about providing time to be able to gather others to help share the intercultural work, and cultural competency is spreading.

Cathedral Foundation

Steve: The annual 4% endowment disbursement has been received.

What was intercultural about our agenda tonight?

Steve asked the question and received responses that covered all aspects of the agenda and discussions that occurred at the meeting.

Check Out & Closing Prayer

Checkouts were given, and Micah gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of Note

6/30	Ordinations
7/1	Addressing Racism Plenary