



December Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 6pm
Zoom Video Conference

Vestry Members Present

Kristen Austin
Clara Berg
Jim Buskirk
Carrie Davis
The Rev. Canon Arienne Davison, Bishop's Representative
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

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

Staff Members Present

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

Guests

John Hoerster, Chancellor Emeritus

Call to Order, Prayer, Review of Agenda

Steve opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00PM.

Consent Agenda

The Vestry accepted and approved the November 24, 2020 meeting minutes.

Special Order of Business

Update on Exploratory Process for Redevelopment of the St. Nicholas Property.
Two of the three developers interested in the redevelopment of the St. Nicholas property have been interviewed, with the third interview scheduled for December 16. Once interviews are complete, the committee will meet with Meriwether to discuss the three developers. The process could entail having the developers provide further details about how they would approach the project. A recommendation to the Vestry would occur prior to requesting a Request for Proposal. An update to the parish would take place when a tangible response is available. There is an interest by two tenants to lease space but is an

unknown as to how this would impact the development plans. Consideration of options may take place at the Vestry meeting on January 19 or at a special meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Parish Meeting Planning

The Annual Parish Meeting will be opened on Sunday, January 24 for the purpose of reading and accepting nominations from the floor, closing the nominations, and then issuing ballots with the full meeting taking place on the following Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Proposed Bylaws Change

Re proposed an amendment to Section 3 that adds the parenthetical (*unless good cause prevented*) to the “Parish Communicants” and “Diocesan Communicants” descriptions. A notice of these changes will be posted next week at the cathedral and through Constant Contact. The Vestry will vote on this at its January 19 meeting.

Diocesan Member of the Vestry

Karla and Micah are returning Diocesan Members of the Vestry with two-year and one-year terms remaining respectively. The Bishop of Olympia appoints, with Vestry concurrence, diocesan members to the Vestry. Katie Prettyman, a parishioner at Trinity, Everett, has been identified as a potential candidate by the Nominating Committee to serve a three-year term beginning in 2021.

Motion to concur with the Bishop of Olympia’s appointment of Katie Prettyman as a Diocesan Member of the Vestry for a three-year term beginning in 2021 was approved by the Vestry.

NEW BUSINESS

Card for Malcolm McLaurin for GOEs

Seminarian Malcolm McLaurin takes his General Board of Examining Chaplains on January 4, 5, and 7. Emily recommended that we send him a card using a product called Kudoboard to let him know we are thinking of him. She will send the link; the Vestry members will add a message/graphic to the board. Deadline to add your well wishes is next Wednesday, December 23. Emily will send to Malcolm on January 1 or 2, 2021.

Vestry Calls/Cards to Parishioners

The Vestry made calls to parishioners in March and May, and we are still receiving meaningful feedback from those calls. Steve proposed an optional phone outreach or notes to the parish be done. Erik will send out the round 2 (May) calling lists.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Senior Warden

- The Nominating Committee has completed its work. There are three meetings scheduled in January – 10: Zoom with all candidates; January 24: Virtual Coffee Hour; February 1: New Vestry Orientation meeting. The candidates are working on their biographies and short videos are being produced for distribution to the parish.
- The Spirited Women’s group will be holding a Lenten virtual gathering on February 7.
- Executive Committee is considering the role of additional “voices” at vestry meetings.
- Shout out about the day-long Diocese of Olympia’s Congregational Leadership event taking place on February 13. Geared toward vestry members.

Dean

- The St. Nicholas redevelopment continues.
- December 15 is Cristi Chapman’s last day at Saint Mark’s. The transition of her responsibilities to the priests and others is in progress.
- Reopening is still on hold. Hope is on the horizon with the new vaccines, and the cathedral will reopen as it becomes safe to do so.
- Individual gatherings for prayer time in the nave on Thursdays.
- Files of Note—

- Clergy Housing Resolution: Signed and finalized
- Separation Agreement for Cristi Chapman: This is a standard document that is required of every priest who leaves a parish. The agreement requires intends no contact by the departing priest with the parish or by the parish with the priest.
- Updated Letters of Agreements for Jennifer Daugherty and Nancy Ross: Letters are signed and a couple minor adjustments were made.
- Note to the Vestry from Cristi.

Executive Session

Mutual Ministry review of 2020 goals. The dean and staff were excused.

Check out & Closing Prayer

Checkouts were given and Emily gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara J. Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note

12/24 4pm, 7:30pm, 11pm Services (Livestream)

12/25 10am Christmas Day service (Livestream)

1/24 & 31 Annual Parish Meeting (Zoom)

2/6 Vestry Retreat