



**June Vestry Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6pm**  
**Zoom Video Conference**

*Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Duwamish Tribe.*

**Vestry Members Present**

Kristen Austin  
Clara Berg, Junior Warden  
Carmen Brady  
Jim Buskirk  
The Rev. Canon Arienne Davison, Bishop's Representative  
Karla Koon, Diocesan Member  
Scott Kovacs  
Micah Kurtz, Diocesan Member  
Peter McClung, Senior Warden  
Emily Meeks  
Marjorie Ringness  
Chris Rigos  
Robert Stevens  
Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden  
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean

**Vestry Members Absent**

Kathy Minsch  
Katie Prettyman, Diocesan Member

**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  
Julia Logan, Exploratory Committee Member  
Nikisha Reyes-Grange, Exploratory Committee Member

## **Call to Order, Land Acknowledgment, Prayer, Review of Agenda**

Steve opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment that Saint Mark's gathers on Duwamish tribal land and a prayer at 6:00PM.

## **Consent Agenda**

**The Vestry accepted and approved the minutes from the May 25, 2021, meeting as published.**

## **Special Order of Business**

John recapped the meeting he and Steve had with the development partner and Meriwether Advisors. The Exploratory Committee then met and reviewed options based on 1) a lower-than-expected property evaluation (\$8,000,000 vs \$11,000,000 estimate by Meriwether in 2020), 2) the cost projections for the seismic upgrade, roof replacement, and hazardous waste removal, and 3) whether market-rate housing is the highest and best economic use for the property. The Exploratory Committee feels that the affordable housing option may be viable and would be more aligned with our mission and ministries versus the commercial recommendation offered by the development partner.

With the deliverables from the Due Diligence and other factors, the Exploratory Committee is recommending the vestry approve a pause with the development partner to allow for the continued exploration of alternative options including affordable housing and retaining St. Nicholas for parish use.

**A motion was made and seconded and the Vestry unanimously adopted the Exploratory Committee's recommendation to pause on the development partner process in a friendly way while continuing to explore alternative uses including affordable housing and potentially keeping the building for future use by Saint Mark's Cathedral.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Formation Consultation**

Consultant Jamie Martin-Currie's report is affirming of the direction we had been moving toward and will be discussed formally at the July meeting. The recommendation to hire a full-time intergenerational lay minister and a part-time program coordinator will be posted soon. Stakeholders for the Intergenerational Ministries will meet on July 25; Restorative Justice will meet on July 11; Worship and Prayer will meet on July 18.

### **July 27 Vestry Meeting**

A July Vestry meeting will be held due to major decisions needed on the St. Nicholas project and the two Phase II Discernment Committee reports and interviews to consider the nomination of Lynne Markova and Lisa Graumlich for postulancy. The July 27 Vestry meeting will be via Zoom and the August 24 Vestry meeting, if guidelines permit, will be held in Bloedel Hall with a meal prepared by Chef Marc Aubertin for those who are vaccinated. This will also be an opportunity to hopefully see the new Bloedel audiovisual equipment.

### **Tent City on Campus**

Jim Pannell provided an update on Tent City saying the move-in was well organized and it is much quieter as there are fewer residents this year. We are now able to provide filtered water, so bottled water is no longer necessary. To find out what Tent City residents might need in the way of supplies, visit their website at <http://www.sharewheel.org/tent-city-3>.

A recap of the cleanup of the greenbelt and the City of Seattle was given by Jim. He continues relationship building with the city and various departments to ensure those living in the greenbelt receive services they need and are not in a dangerous situation.

### **Reopening Planning**

Steve reported that we continue to adapt and adjust to the guidelines. In anticipation of restrictions lifting, plans are being made for Sunday, July 4, that there will be no registrations, no screening at the door but assistance for seating will be provided; three-fourths of the nave will be for those who are vaccinated with no social distancing or mask requirements while the southside of the cathedral will be seating for those who are not vaccinated or anyone who wishes to maintain social distancing and mask wearing. Governor Inslee's update will dictate how the cathedral proceeds. Steve expressed gratitude to the staff for all the ways they have contributed during this pandemic – they are weary.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Audit/Review**

Phil reported that the audit is experiencing delays due to challenges with this being a new auditor, the new chart of accounts, and other complicated items. The deadline for the completion of this audit is 45 days before Diocesan Convention in the fall.

### **CFDO Annual Financial Review**

Phil reported that the financial review for the Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia was approved by the Foundation Board.

### **Bright Water School Rent Deferral Repayment**

A payment of \$110,976 to repay the rent deferral accrued since August 2020 was made to Saint Mark's as part of a settlement agreement with Bright Water Waldorf School involving the early termination of their lease July 15, 2021. Seattle Amistad School will be moving in on August 1. Year 1 of Amistad's lease will include concessions, so higher lease revenues will not be realized until year 2. We secured a market-based lease arrangement with Amistad and are pursuing similar terms with Gage Academy of Art for a lease extension for Gage.

### **Juneteenth as 2022 Cathedral Staff Holiday**

Juneteenth has been declared a federal holiday this year and next year a state holiday, and therefore should be included as a staff holiday at Saint Mark's Cathedral beginning in 2022.

**A motion was made and seconded and the Vestry voted to approve Juneteenth as an official holiday for the staff of Saint Mark's Cathedral beginning in June 2022.**

## **LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

### **Senior Warden**

- Participate in May meetings, Restorative Justice Committee is under the new structure
- Helped open up Carbon Tracker Training
- Eucharistic Visitor gathering
- Volunteered at the vaccination clinic (6M Geriatrics and Hospital Medicine) in the nave
- Office Space Committee meetings interviewing staff and team on what return to work looks like
- Executive Committee, Finance Committee, report the release of the Statement of Lament and Commitment to Action to the Diocese of Olympia
- Attending the reopening of the 9 AM service
- Donated museum tickets to Seattle Service Corps

### **Dean**

- How to implement the Statement of Lament and Commitment to Action in meaningful ways, staff meeting scheduled for June 29 and a parish forum in September
- Theologian-in-Residence, The Rev. Canon Walter Brownridge, will be onsite preaching on Sunday, July 25 and leading a workshop *From Prisoners of Pandemic to Prisoners of Hope* on Saturday, July 24
- Sanctuary work: asked by Sanctuary Network to sign a letter to the Department of Justice, Department of Human Resources and the White House opposing an attempt to expedite asylum seekers, a rapid way that doesn't ensure the asylum seeker has legal representation
- Thank you from a livestream worshipper
- Radix participant feedback is overwhelmingly positive, and we will offer another series in the fall
- Resuming Eucharist at senior living centers with Bishop Rickel – Horizon House on June 24, Mirabella on July 8.
- Pastoral care needs are high – several members in hospice, Linda Donato died June 21, several funerals planned
- ACLU Projection Project ran from May 25 (the anniversary of George Floyd's death) to June 8. Overwhelmingly well received, fewer than 10% of communication was negative. Need to reach out and deepen our relationship with the Seattle Police Department who took offense at the project.

- Offering an interfaith service on September 11, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 with St. James Cathedral and Temple De Hirsch Sinai
- Main boiler for the nave is broken with a \$12,000 to \$15,000 cost to repair. The 2030 Plan calls for the boiler's replacement, trying to fix it to last a few more years – in a strategic way.
- 6M Geriatrics and Hospital Medicine will not be in the nave this week as the number coming for vaccinations declines. Very successful as have given about 3,000 injections.
- Approval of the FEMA Grant for three items: 1) Parking lot lights, 2) Lockable nave front doors, and 3) Add up to seven more security cameras.

Files of Note—

- Needles in greenbelt
- Statement of Lament and Commitment to Action 2021
- Brownridge Workshop July 24
- Sign-on Letter to DOJ/DHS
- Thank you note from livestream worshipper

### **Ministry/Committee Reports**

- Creation Care & Carbon Reduction  
Marjorie: reported that the minutes from their last meeting are in Dropbox; next effort is to gather people together in small groups to provide help and inspiration to each other; the electric vehicle charging station dedication (in memory of Jim Mulligan) on Sunday, June 20 was well done.
- Stewardship  
Chris: reported that under Lynne Markova's leadership, they are brainstorming slogans; identifying speakers for the stewardship testimonials; demonstrative way of showing progress.

### **Reflection: Mutual Ministry Check-in**

- Discussion about best use of the St. Nicholas property
- Creation Care
- Report from consultant and intergenerational aspects
- Tent City
- ACLU Projection Project and how well it was received
- Registering for church service ending and acceptance of walk-ins
- Juneteenth holiday celebrations
- Juneteenth Service
- Acknowledging pandemic will change things and openness to the fact that we cannot fully grasp what we will look like
- EV dedication with Ruth's entire intergenerational family present
- Broken boiler and intentionality in the repair that will work for the future
- Land acknowledgement is becoming more "normal"
- Cathedral opening Cathedral doors for ordinations including Malcolm and Malcolm preside on Sunday morning
- Reaching out to the city in an attempt to keep up and connect with what was going on in the Greenbelt.
- Canon Arienne Davison will be preaching on Sunday, July 27 at both the 9 and 11am services
- August 5, Feast of the Transformation baptisms

### **Check out & Closing Prayer**

Checkouts were given and Marjorie gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara J. Erickson  
Clerk

Erik Donner  
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note

6/27—Canon Davison guest preacher

8/8—Baptisms on Transfiguration (tr.)