



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

**August Vestry Meeting & Dinner
Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 6pm
Bloedel Hall**

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
Jim Buskirk
Karla Koon, Diocesan Member
Scott Kovacs
Micah Kurtz, Diocesan Member
Peter McClung, Senior Warden
Emily Meeks
Kathy Minsch
Marjorie Ringness
Chris Rigos
Walter Stuteville, Junior Warden
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean

Vestry Members Absent

Carmen Brady
The Rev. Canon Arienne Davison, Bishop's Representative
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

Phil Haas

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

Steve opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment and a prayer at 6:17PM. Thank you was offered to Chef Marc Aubertin and his helpers for the delicious meal they prepared and served the Vestry!

Consent Agenda

The Vestry accepted and approved the minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting, with the correction that Phil Lloyd was not present at the meeting.

Thank you was extended to Marjorie for taking the July minutes in Barbara's absence.

OLD BUSINESS

Office Utilization Report

Phil Haas, the Cathedral Office Space Task Force chairperson, reported that their mission was to determine the most effective usage of the current and potential office spaces to meet the function and needs of the clergy, staff, parishioners, and visitors. They met with and interviewed the clergy and staff and submitted findings on July 20th to Steve, and their results were presented to the Vestry at this meeting. Phil and Karla Koon reviewed the findings, fielded questions, and presented the next steps. The budget for addressing the Information Technology changes will be discussed with the budget at a future Vestry meeting.

Reopening Planning

Homecoming Sunday is scheduled for September 12 with the Ministry Fair in the Nave. We will also be resuming: the passing of the offertory plates, the return of the 9 and 11AM choirs, the 8AM and 7PM Eucharists held in Thomsen Chapel, and Communion will be available for those who wish to partake. A video message from Steve about in-person worship this fall will be delivered the week after Labor Day.

Audiovisual Tech for Bloedel and CH 210

Jim Pannell reported that there is still one major piece that is problematic – getting the cable run to Room 210 for Ethernet access.

St. Nicholas Crack Repair Proposal

Jim Pannell provided a review of the issue and reported that the structural engineer and the geotechnical engineer agreed this is settlement related and recommended the next step – based on the results of the drilling of soil samples, the stairs would be “underpinned” with pin piles and securing the wall. Timeline could be reduced to 1 – 2 months to repair with the cost still not determined.

Annual Audit/Review Update

Phil reported that the annual audit is still progressing. There were delays in the transition from the old accounting system to the new system, and is looking at completion in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Credit Card Service Change

Phil explained the current credit card program is linked to a banking platform (CashPro) that is no longer being used, and recommends moving to a retail credit card program. The Finance Committee made a motion to switch credit card programs and approved Phil submit the application.

The motion made by the Finance Committee to switch credit card programs from the current corporate program to a retail program, with Phil Lloyd submitting the application, was approved by the Vestry as Resolution #21-FI-02.

Clergy Housing Resolution

Marda Steedman Sanborn will join Saint Mark's as Interim Associate beginning September 1 through November 30, 2021.

The Vestry approved Resolution #21-FI-03 that the total annual compensation paid to Saint Mark's Cathedral clergy will include a designated housing allowance.

Nominating Committee Appointments

Steve provided background on how the Nominating Committee is appointed and their responsibility. Peter McClung and Steve proposed the slate of members: Julia Logan as chairperson, Jim Buskirk, Carrie Davis, Peter McClung, Michael Perera, John Selberg, and the Dean as an ex officio member.

The vestry approved the motion to appoint these six members to the Saint Mark's Nominating Committee: Julia Logan, Jim Buskirk, Carrie Davis, Peter McClung, Michael Perera, and John Selberg.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Senior Warden

- Attendance at various ministry meetings
- Sharing of:
 - The results of the Intergenerational survey/interviews
 - Progress being made on the Statement of Lament and Commitment to Action

Dean

- The 9/11 Interfaith Prayer service, organized by The Church Council of Greater Seattle, Temple De Hirsch Sinai, St. James Cathedral, and Saint Mark's Cathedral, was canceled due to the increase in COVID cases as well as the challenges around setting up the event at this time.
- The former child care/youth room in the Cathedral crypt area now houses Saint Mark's historical documents and materials. Thanks to a donation from Pat Taylor and the work of the intern, Alexa Minasian as well as oversight of the project by Diane Wells, Diocesan Archivist, the Cathedral Archives room is now open, and for those interested in a tour, one will take place after this meeting.
- Listening Hearts Discernment groups. Two groups have been formed and are meeting; let Steve know if you would be interested in joining a group.
 - Files of Note—
 - Separation Agreement – Nancy Ross: Conversation about separation anxiety when clergy leave, and it is noted that this agreement is not unique to Saint Mark's.
 - Back-to-School Picnic and Backpack Blessing: Scheduled for Friday, September 3 on the Cathedral lawn. Families are encouraged to come and take part.
 - Wisdom School Brochure 2021-2022. Conspire 2021 is being offered September 24-26 and will be in a hybrid format.
 - Letter from Congresswoman Jayapal—Duwamish Recognition: Saint Mark's is not taking sides but supports that federal recognition should be granted to members of the Duwamish Tribe.

Ministry/Committee Reports

- Worship & Prayer—Scott reported that the committee has met to discuss the Peace Shrine in McCaw Chapel and are contemplating incorporating the elements into the Nave.
- Innovative & Intergenerational Community—Emily reported the Canon for Intergenerational Ministries search is in progress with an expected hire coming soon; strong participation in the intergenerational Mutual Ministry meeting this summer; Intergenerational Council forming to support and engage Mutual Ministry goal and will meet monthly and support the strategy and vision of the new Canon; Intergenerational hike scheduled for September 12.
- Restorative Justice & Systemic Change—Chris reported that a lasagna dinner was served to our Tent City 3 residents on August 22.

Reflection: Mutual Ministry Check-in

- Racial justice, climate change, and intergenerational work
- Justice
- Tent City and the people who reside there

- Muckleshoot and Duwamish declaration
- Intergenerational gathering in Bloedel this night

Checkouts were given and Chris gave the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara J. Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Executive Assistant

Dates/Events of note

9/3—Family Picnic on Cathedral Lawn and Blessing of the Backpacks

9/11—Interfaith Service of Healing and Hope CANCELED

9/12—Homecoming Sunday & Ministry Fair

9/15—Special Parish Forum on Statement of Lament and Commitment to Action WILL BE
RESCHEDULED

10/3—2022 Stewardship Launch

11/14—Bishop's Visitation (including lunch with vestry)