

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Meeting Information			
Meeting:	Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral November Council Meeting		
Date:	November 17, 2022	Time:	5:30 pm -7:00 pm CT
Meeting Facilitator:	Brian Childs	Place:	Zoom Call
Meeting Objective:	Review of Commission & Committee Reports and Council Discussion		
Documents:	Attached Separately		

Participant	Attend?	Participant	Attend?	Participant	Attend?
The Very Rev. Paul J.Lebens-Englund	Y	Kerry Childe	N	Tim Kingsley	Y
SW, Brian Childs	Y	Mike Suhr	N	Mary Beth Farrell	Y
Finance Chair, Gina Christ	Y	Chris Kirwan	N		
Treasurer, Ted Sherman	Y	David Albrecht	Y		
Clerk, Melissa Lowe	N				

Agenda Item/Minutes	Responsible	Est. Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pray & Housekeeping: ○ Call-to-order, prayer/reflection 	Brian Childs	5:35pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call to order. ● Minutes ● JW Report ● Finance ● Stewardship ● Governance ● HR ● Property ● Gather, Transform, Send ● Other business 		

Minutes / Notes – Notetaker:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call to Order - SW Brian Childs ● Opening Prayer- Rev Mary Beth Farrell ● Presentation from Climate Justice Task Force- Mr Joseph Ward of the Climate Justice Task force presented their work and recommendations to the Council. They requested that St Marks replace the ailing AC Chiller with a Heat Pump recommended by SES and McGough.He highlighted the Federal Inflation Reduction Act which provides a 30% direct pay incentive for non-profits. Costs will increase this year due to demand from this opportunity. (40-week lead-time) ● Mr Ward highlighted other aspects of this committee’s work and how it fits in with our MOM #5. The task force will present info at the Annual Meeting on 1/23. Brian expressed deep thanks for the committee’s work in improving our financial health, as well as the health of the climate. (A PDF of his PPT is in the meeting folder) 		

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- Gina moved, David 2nd. Show of hand vote approves, with the correction of Jack Chistler to Jack Fessler

- **Reports**

- Dean Comments/Report: Paul

- Honorary canons: A change in the language around honorary canons was approved by the Council in June. Per our constitution, this change must be approved a second time, so the matter was brought up by Paul. The proposed language is "From clergy and presbyters, lay members of the Episcopal church" The dean moved, and David seconded the change in the language
- Stewardship: As of meeting date, 50% of those who currently pledge have indicated their intent to pledge again.

- Finance Chair/Treasurer's Report: Ted Sherman, Gina Christ

- Ted referred to the report's key findings, including the operating loss through October, and noted Kate's report indicating 86K in outstanding pledges, that historically arrive in December.
- Foundation- A brief report on finances and the foundation was brought by Gina. She expressed concern for our projected short term cash flow problems, coupled with the probable reduction in our draw from the foundation. She noted that work is being done to understand and clarify further the state of Foundation Endowment and what needs to be done to clarify the givers options and intent. (Paul Anton is also working with Generations, chaired by Richard Helling.)
- Brian expressed his appreciation to David Christopherson for his generosity in expertise and time throughout these processes.

- Property Report: Chris

- Council was directed to the Property Committee report
- The Stations of the Cross have been installed in the SMEC worship area. Brian said that he is grateful that the lion's share of the cost was absorbed by Chris's company as an in-kind donation,

- Send and Gather Report: Dave

- Both Dave and Paul highlighted the Newcomers event the morning of November 5th, including instructed Eucharist. This was well attended with 17 new members.

- Other Business

- The Dean recognized John Cuningham concerning Align Minneapolis and the intentions to direct funds. He was referred for further dialogue with the Wells Board.

- Closing prayer: Rev Mary Beth Farrell.

- Adjourn: David moved. Approved by show of hands.