

## St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2015

Attending Council Members: Joanne Christ, Warren Maas, Paul Schelin, Dennis Christian, Linda Brandt, George Ewing, Veronica Guevara, Betsy Hsiao, Jim Huber, Susan Lynx, Kathleen Murphy, Sarah Nowlin, John Nuechterlein, Louise Simons, Christine Slater, Minnie Steele, Christopher Williams, Mary Farrell (Chaplain), Iris Key (Clerk)

Attending Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund

Attending Shared Ministry Team members: Dr. Helen Hansen, Rev. Siri Hauge Hustad, Deacon Lowell Johnson

Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger

Joanne Christ calls the meeting to order at 4:33pm.

Opening Meditation and Prayer

### **Minutes**

Iris Key presents minutes from two meetings in December. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on December 16, 2014 with correction (add Christine Slater to list of attendees). M/S Sarah, John. Approved by unanimous voice vote. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on December 18, 2014. M/S Warren, Minnie. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Dean's Office Report: Staffing Updates.** Father Paul presents Rev. Siri Hauge Hustad in her new role of part-time coordinator of pastoral and liturgical life, as approved by Council in December.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Paul Schelin presents report. MOTION to approve Treasurer's report. M/S George, Louise. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Warden's Reports**

- a. Election: Tony Winer has agreed to be proctor of election.
- b. Annual Report: Betsy is collecting summaries of reports from committees/commissions.
- c. Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 25.
- d. Episcopal Homes Development Meeting, December 16: Joanne reports on the meeting's discussions of the financial impact and risk that the project might entail for Saint Mark's.

**Bishop's Report:** ECMN Council Chapter: Minnie Steele reports on meeting of elected bodies on January 10. Veronica Guevara reports on first meeting of the Chapter.

**Dean's Office Report:** Connecting to community groups such as Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH), Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, and YouthLink MN. Pastoral Care: Helen Hansen reports on Community of Hope International. Other local churches will engage with the

Community of Hope pastoral care program, including St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul, St. John's Episcopal Church in Linden Hills, and Trinity Episcopal Church of Excelsior. The forum on Sunday, March 1 will feature Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg of Community of Hope. In the first year, enrollment and 14-session training costs \$500; in subsequent years, annual dues are \$250. MOTION that the Council resolve to offer its support for the Pastoral Care Committee to pursue the Community of Hope model for training and development of the pastoral care program. M/S Susan, Jim. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Commission Reports**

- a. Outreach: Christopher Williams reports that a volunteer who was central to Monday Night Supper has passed away.
- b. Welcoming: Linda Brandt reports on change in coffee beans, purchase of stainless-steel coffee pots and water pitchers, and a scheduled joint meeting of commissions to improve hospitality at events and services.
- c. Cathedral Life: Sarah Nowlin reports on small breakfast before annual meeting; Superbowl Sunday soup lunch and food collection; and Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras party.

### **Council Committee Reports**

- a. Finance: Paul Schelin reports on anticipated need for names added to the list of authorized signers, from the Execution of Instruments from the Statutes. MOTION to support Finance Committee's amendment to Section 9 part A of the Statutes: "From time to time, the Finance Committee may recommend additional authorized signers to the Council for consideration and approval." M/S John, Susan. Approved.
- b. Property: Kathleen Murphy reports that phase two of parking lot heating may cost \$34,000. Lighting in nave is being tested. Sound project is nearly complete. Cleanup days scheduled for April 25, 9:00-12:00, and July 11, 9:00-12:00. Roof project is complete. Hennepin-Lyndale project pre-construction planning is underway. Estimated assessment for Saint Mark's: \$135,000, over a 20-year period.
- c. Governance: Committee will meet after election.
- d. Stewardship: Dennis Christian reports on results of stewardship campaign and plans for 2015 campaign. Committee seeks to strengthen stewardship ECMN-wide, gathering success stories.
- e. Human Resources: Susan Lynx reports that meetings are scheduled and that goals and timelines will be informed by feedback and direction from the new Council.

### **Announcements and Celebrations**

### **Closing Prayer**

Meeting is adjourned at 6:02pm.