

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

Attending Council Members: Warren Maas, Emmanuel Wilson, Sarah Nowlin, Betsy Hsiao, Matthew Brown, Fred Morrison, Veronica Guevara, Brian Myers, Kathleen Murphy, Louise Simons, Jim Huber, Melody Herbst, George Ewing, Mary Farrell (Chaplain), Iris Key (Clerk)
Attending Clergy: Right Rev. Brian Prior, Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund
Attending Shared Ministry Team members: Rev. Roger Franzen, Rev. Lowell Johnson
Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger
Guest: Rich Simons

Warren Maas called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Opening Meditation and Prayer

Minutes

Iris Key presented minutes from two meetings in January. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on January 15, 2015. M/S Jim, Fred. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Myers reports that compared to January 2014, in January 2015, revenue is up and expenses are down. MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report. M/S Sarah, Emmanuel. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Warden's Reports

Junior Warden Jim Huber reports on 2014 report of Episcopal Congregations. MOTION to report. M/S Jim, Sarah. Discussion: Brian Myers reports correction needed to of first name first deacon (page 16, should be Patrick). Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Bishop's Report

School for Formation is running. Ordinations in June will take place at Breck; expected 34 to be ordained. Reports on gathering to honor Sister Annette (Episcopal Homes, Sheltering Arms).

Consideration of Motion to Approve Episcopal Campus Project

Warren introduces MOTION to approve Episcopal Campus project. M/S/S Jim, Sarah, and Kathleen. Bishop Prior discusses the potential benefits for Saint Mark's from the partnership with Episcopal Homes, including community-building, parking spaces, and the appeal of a cathedral close. Bishop Prior thanked Rich Simons for helping to initiate the project and discuss it with the neighborhood; and acknowledged a donor's lead gift of \$3 million towards the project.

Discussion of long-term risks and requests for clarification in legal documents about ownership and responsibility for the property and maintenance fees. Bishop Prior and Rich Simons state that if the motion is approved, these documents and details would be determined by a group working with legal and real estate counsel to move the project forward.

Discussion of financial responsibility between Saint Mark's/ECMN and Episcopal Homes; Bishop Prior and Rich Simons argue that Episcopal Homes has the ability to obtain large loans, raise major funds,

and manage risk. Consideration of capital campaign; suggestion to consider expanding capital campaign to parish.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements and Celebrations

Rev. Roger Franzen announces that he and Siri sent letter to coptic orthodox church in Saint Paul (Saint Mary's) giving sympathy regarding violence among/towards? coptic Christians in Egypt.

Jim Huber thanks volunteers for verbal announcements at Sunday services.

Rev. Lebens-Englund reports that he has confirmed Shattuck for retreat 2nd Friday-Saturday in February through 2020.

Closing Prayer

Meeting is adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Request to clerk: draft a thank-you note to task force, thanking them for their hard work preparing a