

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2014

Attending Council Members: Joanne Christ (Senior Warden), Warren Maas (Junior Warden), Linda Brandt, Dennis Christian, Doug Eichten, George Ewing, Betsy Hsiao, Sarah Nowlin, John Nuechterlein, Paul Schelin, Louise Simons, Christine Slater, Minnie Steele, Christopher Williams.

Attending Clergy: The Right Reverend Brian Prior.

Attending Shared Ministry Team members: Deacon Lowell Johnson, Dr. Helen E. Hansen

Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger

Guests: Dean-Elect Paul Lebens-Englund. Tony Winer, Governance Committee

Chaplain: Mary Farrell

Clerk: Iris Key

Opening Meditation and Prayer

Mary Farrell

Welcome

Bishop Brian Prior

Praise of St. Mark's Cathedral's inner and outer health. Welcome of Dean-Elect Paul Lebens-Englund.

Governance Committee Report

Doug Eichten

Doug requests that Council review documents and send comments. Tony Winer discusses Council Vote on Election Issues (pp.12-13 of meeting materials) detailing the Governance Committee's recommendations, with input solicited from Council members, for Council election issues.

- a. Issue: "What to do when there is a tie vote for a Council member position of an officer position." MOTION to approve resolution: "Coin toss resolves tie; loser is offered a guaranteed Committee/Commission position. M/S Doug Eichten, Louise Simons, approved by unanimous voice vote.
- b. Issue: "What to do with respect to filling Council Seats with terms that are less than 3 years." MOTION to approve resolution: "Candidates & Council members queried in advance on possible preference for shorter terms; then shorter Council terms are allocated to lower vote-getters." M/S Doug Eichten, Sarah Nowlin. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Issue: "What to do to assure that each newly fielded Council contains members willing and able to take an open Committee and Commission chair positions." MOTION to approve resolution: "Candidates encouraged to declare capabilities in bios; Wardens confer with winning candidates to decide on how to fill vacant chairs." M/S Doug Eichten, Jim Huber.
- d. Issue: "Whether the nominations/elections process should begin earlier in the year." MOTION to approve resolution: "Bring nominations opening to mid-October; filing

deadline in late November; candidate booklet issued in mid-December; for voting in late January." M/S George Ewing, Sarah Nowlin.

- e. Issue: "Whether voting by proxy, early voting, or electronic voting should be permitted." MOTION to approve resolution: "Allow casting of advance ballots by hard-copy submission to Canon Administrator." M/S Doug Eichten, John Nuechterlein. Approved by majority voice vote.

Minutes

Iris Key

MOTION to approve minutes from Council meeting on August 21, 2014. M/S Warren Maas, Sarah Nowlin. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Schelin/Dennis Christian

MOTION to approve Treasurer's Report. M/S Doug Eichten, Minnie Steele. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Warden's Reports

- a. Episcopal Campus Update Joanne Christ
Met with Bishop, Episcopal Homes, and represented Council's concerns as voiced in previous meeting.
- b. September 25th Pot Luck Joanne Christ
- c. Appointment of Veronica as Outreach Chair Joanne Christ
MOTION to approve Veronica Guevara as Chair. M/S Jim, Louise. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- d. Progress on the roof Warren Maas
- e. Nursery Furniture campaign Warren Maas
Nearly \$2,000 raised for nursery furniture; goal of campaign is met.
- f. Orientation Manual Warren Maas
Presentation of Personnel and Human Resources Committee's Orientation Manual, created to orient new committee members.

Bishop's Report

- a. ECMN Council Minnie Steele
St. Mark's Cathedral will have a table at Convention at Sanford convention center in Bloomington. Representatives: Rich Simons, Jim Huber, Mary Huber, Minnie Steele, Susanna Lewis, Warren Maas.

Dean's Office Reports

- a. Just dropping by to say hello Dean-Elect Paul Lebens-Englund
- b. Formation report Joanne Christ (for Mary Lusk)
- c. Worship Christine Slater
- d. Communications Betsy Hsiao

Commission Reports

- a. Welcoming Linda Brandt
Discussion of need for a chair of non-Sunday events, such as concerts. campaign for nametags.
- b. Cathedral Life Sarah Nowlin

Upcoming events include a trivia night in October and a chili cookoff in November.

Council Committee Reports

- a. Finance Warren Maas
The Audit Committee will share audit at next Council meeting.
- b. Stewardship Louise Simons
Discussion of Commitment Sunday (formerly "Consecration Sunday"), October 26.
Treasure Sale, October 9 through October 11.
- c. Human Resources Joanne Christ (for Susan Lynx, absent).
MOTION to approve St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Council's Independent
Contractor Policy. M/S Doug Eichten, Linda Brandt.

Announcements and Celebrations

Party to welcome Dean Paul Lebens-Englund, Sunday, September 21, 12:00PM. Request by Linda Brandt to consider aging parents.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Mary Farrell