

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

Attending Council Members: Joanne Christ, Warren Maas, Paul Schelin, Dennis Christian, Linda Brandt, Betsy Hsiao, Jim Huber, Sarah Nowlin, John Nuechterlein, Minnie Steele, George Ewing, Susan Lynx, Kathleen Murphy, Christine Slater.

Guest: Rich Maier

Attending Clergy: Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund

Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger

Chaplain: Mary Farrell

Clerk: Iris Key

Opening Meditation and Prayer Mary Farrell

Minutes

Iris Key presents minutes from previous two Council meetings. MOTION to approve minutes from Council meeting on October 16, 2014. M/S Sarah Nowlin, Minnie Steele. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to approve minutes from Council meeting on September 16, 2014, updated with corrections requested at Council meeting on October 16, 2014. M/S Susan Lynx, Sarah Nowlin. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Schelin presents treasurer's report. MOTION to approve treasurer's report. M/S Jim Huber, Minnie Steele. Discussion of gifts, donations, and deficit. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of expenditures for Sound and Lighting projects

Rich Maier presents two requests for Capital Campaign spending. MOTION to approve MOTION to approve minutes from Council meeting on October 16, 2014. M/S Kathleen Murphy, Christine Slater. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to approve up to \$59,300 for the Capital Campaign Lighting Project. M/S Jim Huber, Sarah Nowlin. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Warden's Reports

- a. Episcopal Campus Update
Joanne reports that discussion continues.
- b. Task Force: rental space
Jim Huber is chair of this task force.
- c. Council Elections.
Joanne thanks Council members for announcing council elections at Sunday services.
- d. Thoughts about Partnership
Warren suggests a partnership exchange with Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour in Faribault: throughout the year, exchanging Dean, choir, ushers, members of the property committee, etc. Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund is in discussion and partnership with Faribault's dean, the Very Rev. Justin P. Chapman. Minnie suggests that both councils have a retreat at The Inn at Shattuck-St. Mary's. Discussion of the possibility of partnership with other churches, such as St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina.

- e. Additional Task Forces. Joanne asks for approval for two task forces relating to the proposed ECMN Senior Housing project: the first, to examine finance and banking; and another to look at legal and corporate structural issues. M/S John Nuechterlein, Minnie Steele. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Bishop's Report

Minnie Steele and Warren Maas announce the newly-elected Chapter members: Harriet McClary, Stephen Muehlberg, and Linda Schelin.

Dean's Office Reports

- a. Update: Discussion of growth, coordination, and pastoral support for families.
- b. Worship: Christine Slater discusses the Installation on November 2, and Advent events in December.
- c. Pastoral Care: Susan Lynx discusses plans to meet with Helen Appelberg, founder of Community of Hope, to discuss her organization's approach to pastoral care.
- d. Communications: Betsy Hsiao reports that branding was unveiled at November 16 services; a gradual rollout will follow.

Commission Reports

- a. Welcoming: Linda Brandt discusses Wednesday Meditation emails, greeter recruiting and scheduling, and outreach.
- b. Cathedral Life: Sarah Nowlin reports on activities planned for Advent Sunday, December 6.

Council Committee Reports

- a. Finance. Budget Process update: Paul Schelin reports on rough draft of 2014 budget. Brian Myers has a standing invitation to attend Council meetings.
- b. Property : Kathleen Murphy updates. MOTION to approve independent contract proposal with attorney Barbara Forsland, for risk management advice relating to Hennepin-Lyndale Reconstruction Project. M/S John Nuechterlein, Jim Huber. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Stewardship. Dennis states that 2015 pledge goal is \$800,000. Stewardship campaign will wrap up. Volunteers are calling people who pledged for 2014 but have not yet pledged for 2015.
- d. Governance: Kathleen Murphy considers succession planning for Council members chairing committees and commissions.
- e. Human Resources: Susan Lynx discusses plans to coordinate open enrollment dates and financial reports with Finance Committee.

Announcements and Celebrations

Linda Brandt mentions article on Episcopal News service site, and on the Bishop's website, about Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund. Warren Maas thanks Joanne Christ for her work as Senior Warden.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Mary Farrell