

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2015

Attending Council Members: Warren Maas (Senior Warden), Jim Huber (Junior Warden), Brian Myers (Treasurer), Iris Key (Clerk), Prentice Beadell, Linda Brandt, Matthew Brown, George Ewing, Richard Helling, Melody Herbst, Betsy Hsiao, Sten Johnson, Fred Morrison, Sarah Nowlin, Dwayne Purrington, Louise Simons

Attending clergy member: Dean Paul Lebens-Englund

Chaplain: Mary Farrell

Attending staff member: Pat Betsinger

Guests: James Davies, President of Board of Directors of Wells Foundation

Senior Warden Warren Maas called the meeting to order at 4:41pm.

Chaplain Mary Farrell led opening prayer.

Approval of minutes

Iris Key presented minutes from Council meeting, November 19, 2015. M/S Sarah Nowlin, Linda Brandt. Amendment to minutes proposed by Fred Morrison, to clarify fundraising expectations in presentation by Fred Moore about Episcopal Commons Project. M/S Fred Morrison, Matt Brown. Approved by majority voice vote, with multiple abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Myers presented treasurer's report for November. MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report. M/S Jim Huber, Prentice Beadell. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action/Discussion Items: Senior Warden

MOTION to approve 2016 Housing Allowances. M/S Sarah Nowlin, Melody Herbst. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to accept 2016 operating budget proposal created by Finance Committee and presented by Brian Myers. Discussion of anticipated revenues and expenses. M/S Louise Simons, Prentice Beadell. Discussion of budget's inclusion of 2016 parking lot revenue, dependent upon Council members' volunteering. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Announcement of receipt of \$10,000 gift directed to signage on Hennepin Avenue. Discussion of potential signage and the prospect of a second gift from another donor to a restricted fund for signage.

Resolution appointing signatory with Dorsey Law Firm in pro-bono retainer agreement, whereby Dorsey will represent St. Mark's in negotiations and execution of Episcopal Commons Project. Council and Dean share authority in the agreement. A signatory would represent St. Mark's; the legally bound party would be St. Mark's, and not the individual signatory. MOTION that Clerk serve as signatory. M/S Fred Morrison, Jim Huber. Discussion of Senior Warden as signatory. Amendment to motion: the Senior Warden will serve as signatory. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion of St. Mark's position as potential fundraiser for Episcopal Commons Project. Private

solicitation of individuals approved in March 2015, beginning in February through the remainder of the year. Diocese will solicit publicly beginning in 2016. MOTION that Fred Moore is welcome to present information on the status of the Episcopal Commons project, but will not be permitted to make a broad appeal to congregation for funding at this time. M/S Brian Myers, Matthew Brown. Discussion specified that Fred Moore, when presenting to parishioners, would act as the St. Mark's representative of the project because he is one of three chairs of the capital campaign. One in favor, 10 against. Motion denied by majority hands raised.

Dean's Report

Announcement of Council's signatures required for recommendation for ordination to the priesthood Anna Ostenso Moore, Transitional Deacon.

Announcement of Dean's Christmas appeal to strengthen mission partnership with MCTC's Development Office. Dean Lebens-Englund proposes that St. Mark's raise funds for two scholarships. Announcement that donations have been allocated to exploratory process for the house at 425 Oak Grove, to understand how the house could better suit the needs of Episcopal Service Corps.

Chaplain Mary Farrell led closing prayer.