

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018

Attending Council Members: Senior Warden Sarah Nowlin, Junior Warden Paul Lakeman, Treasurer Greg Youtz, Clerk Iris Key, Paul Anton, Michael Arthur, Prentice Beadell, Lola Brown, Richard Helling, Martha Hoover, Marcia Morris, Paul Settle
 Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund
 Staff: Mary Lusk, Iweda Riddley, Carrie Thomas
 Chaplain: Mary Beth Farrell
 Guest: Brian Childs

Senior Warden Sarah Nowlin called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Minutes

Motion to accept reports from officers, committees, and commissions, previously distributed via email. M/S Richard Helling, Paul Settle. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
 Motion to amend minutes to correct the two-year time of Jim Huber's Senior Wardenship. M/S Michael Arthur, Paul Anton. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
 Motion to accept minutes. M/S Warren Maas, Paul Lakeman. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report presented by Greg Youtz and previously distributed via email. M/S Michael Arthur, Warren Maas. Discussion of compliance with auditors and goal to be GAAP compliant. Council members requested a presentation of 2018 budget, with review of income and expenses, and an overview of the budget-making process for new Council members. Greg and Finance Committee chair Paul Anton will make regular, updated reports available. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Opening Prayers

Mary Beth Farrell led prayer.

Group Sharing & Learning

Rena, Cody, Mary, and Paul will provide teachings at Council meetings as part of their studies for the College for Congregational Development (CCD), a 2-year program from the Diocese of Chicago. Mary Lusk presented the group needs model and discussed the qualities and actions of a productive working group. Council members were invited to rank themselves on the following statements:

1 (disagree)	2	3	4	6	5 (agree)
Within Council, I feel acceptance of myself.					
			4	6	5
Within council, I believe I have potential for personal growth.					
			1	8	5
As a council, there is a bond of identity and belonging.					
		5	9	1	
As a council, there is a common purpose.					
	3	5	7		
As a council, there is a common understanding of SMEC.					
	3	5	7		
As a council, we are ready to make a difference for SMEC.					
	3	4	4	3	1

Discussion of results and reflection on how these rankings may change as the year progresses.

Committee and Commission Break-Outs, Dinner

Council Reports, Actions, and Discussion

425 House Update: Brian Childs, St. Markan and General Counsel to the Council, introduced himself to new and returning Council members. He provided an overview and update on the status of the house at 425 Oak Grove, including conversations about the property with Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Mayor Jacob Frey, and St. Markan and architect John Cuningham. Possibilities for the house include as many as eight units of single-resident occupancy apartments, or student housing with common areas, some shared facilities, and programming. Discussion of possible ways to fund construction, including state and federal grants for student housing; Citizens for a Loring Park Community neighborhood group may have funding suggestions. Prentice Beadell will provide a walk-through at 4:45pm on Thursday, March 15, before the next Council member.

Votes to approve appointments to committees/commissions:

Motion to approve of appointed committee chairs; M/S Paul Lakeman, Prentice Beadell. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve of appointed commissioners; M/S Richard Helling, Prentice Beadell. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve assignment Martha Hoover as alternate delegate to 2018 ECMN Convention; M/S Lola Brown, Paul Lakeman. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Senior Warden's announcements:

- Each Council member has a mailbox in the SMEC offices.
- Discussion of statute limiting committees to 3 to 5 members.
- Request to committee chairs and commissioners to send the names of members of their committees/commissions, as well as their emails and phone numbers.
- Discussion of statute declaring that the dean is not the CEO of the cathedral; Warren Maas gave history of statute as reaction to cathedral history; Marcia Morris made a case for a long-term visionary leader who can be held accountable.

Announcements

Prentice Beadell announced the installation of the new boiler on February 16; the cathedral will be closed for the day.

Paul Lakeman's birthday is February 16; Mary Lusk, on February 20; and Warren Maas, on February 11.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Prentice is out of the hospital.

Closing Prayer

Carrie Thomas led closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn; M/S Warren Maas, Marcia Morris. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.