

**St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2018**

Attending Council Members: Senior Warden Sarah Nowlin, Treasurer Greg Youtz, Clerk Iris Key, Michael Arthur, Prentice Beadell, Lola Brown, Richard Helling, Martha Hoover, Warren Maas, Marcia Morris, Dwayne Purrington

Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund

Staff: Mary Lusk, Iweda Riddley, Cecelia Caspram

Senior Warden Sarah Nowlin called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

**Opening Prayers**

Dwayne Purrington led opening prayers.

**Minutes**

Marcia Morris suggested a motion to amend minutes from February 15 to identify and define the acronym GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). M/S Michael Arthur, Warren Maas.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to accept amended minutes from February 15, 2018; M/S Michael Arthur, Warren Maas.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to accept reports; M/S Michael Arthur, Richard Helling. 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 Prentice Beadell, Marcia Morris. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Group Sharing & Learning**

Dean Paul Lebens-Englund summarized the goals of this section of the regular agenda, including to address the growth of the council under the model of group needs (self, group, world). Dean Paul summarized the history of the five marks of mission, developed by the Anglican Communion, and adopted by St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral as its own mission. Review and discussion of participation and giving trends in ECMN and in St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral; distribution of 2016 Executive Insite report on the current demographic story of St. Mark's.

**Committee and Commission Break-Outs, Dinner**

**Council Reports, Actions, and Discussion**

Property Committee

Prentice Beadell reported on the continuing installation of a new boiler.

Senior Warden

Motion to approve the Parochial Report for 2017. M/S Michael Arthur, Richard Helling. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Call for lists of members of committees and commissions, to be sent to the Council clerk.

Suggestion that Council members publish short notices in the weekly bulletin.

Welcome to Cecelia Caspram, Resource Development Consultant.

Request for Council members to consider volunteering to help with funerals in the next days and weeks; contact Sally Cuningham to learn more.

The Dean

The Dean requested that Council members review and sign the recommendation for ordination to the diaconate for Amelia Arthur; and announced that Tim Kingsley's ordination as priest is scheduled for June 26.

### Finance Committee Report

Greg Youtz presented the 2018 budget with amendments made since discussion at February meeting; because of performance in the first quarter, the Finance Committee requests that Council determine how to increase revenue. Discussion of anticipated revenue sources; review of assumptions and commitments made in December to develop revenue from pledges, room rental, music venue rental, and parking lot; and to negotiate a reduction in ECMN billing.

Motion to accept report: M/S Warren Maas, Michael Arthur. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### Governance Committee Report

Motion to make an amendment to the statutes:

*Whereas*, the primary tasks of every faith community are to ‘Gather,’ to ‘Transform,’ and to ‘Send’; and

*Whereas*, Saint Mark’s current three-fold Commission structure aims to capture the spirit and function of those primary tasks; and

*Whereas*, Saint Mark’s aims to communicate our work both descriptively (as we are) and aspirationally (as we desire to be); and

*Whereas*, both present description and future aspiration aim to organize our common life to most effectively join in God’s mission;

*Be it resolved* that, Saint Mark’s Cathedral Statutes retain their three-fold structure for Council Commissions, as outlined in Section 7; and

*Be it further resolved* that the descriptions of those Council Commissions as stated in Section 7, A-C of the Revised Statutes, be amended and reordered as follows:

~~A. The Outreach Commission. The Outreach Commission shall act as a liaison to the community through various external service activities and ministries as the Council shall see fit.~~ C. The ‘Send’ Commission: The ‘Send’ Commission shall work with Staff and Clergy, as designated by the Dean, to organize, align, communicate, and implement, as the Council sees fit, all Cathedral efforts related to connecting members with God’s loving, liberating, and life-giving work in the world through ministry in daily life, direct service, engaged witness, and public policy.

~~B. The Welcoming Commission. The Welcoming Commission shall serve as a liaison to the community and the Cathedral through various services within the Cathedral as the Council shall see fit.~~ A. The ‘Gather’ Commission: The ‘Gather’ Commission shall work with Staff and Clergy, as designated by the Dean, to organize, align, communicate, and implement, as the Council sees fit, all Cathedral efforts related to connecting new members to God’s mission through Saint Mark’s.

~~C. The Cathedral Life Commission. The Cathedral Life Commission shall serve as a liaison to the Cathedral through various internal ministerial and social offerings as the Council shall see fit.~~ B. The ‘Transform’ Commission: The ‘Transform’ Commission shall work with Staff and Clergy, as designated by the Dean, to organize, align, communicate, and implement, as the Council sees fit, all Cathedral efforts related to shaping and supporting each member’s unique life and practice of faith through both direct and indirect means.

M/S Marcia Morris, Michael Arthur.

Revised motion to table vote until next meeting, when the Junior Warden and more commissioners would be in attendance; M/S Martha Hoover, Warren Maas. In addition to tabling, Dean Paul requested that the motion be referred to the Junior Warden to disseminate it to commissioners.

Revised motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Closing Prayer**

Dwayne Purrington led closing prayer, featuring the Prayer of St. Francis (Book of Common Prayer 833).

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.