

**St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2017**

Attending Council Members: Jim Huber, Senior Warden; Sarah Nowlin, Junior Warden; Greg Youtz, Treasurer; Iris Key, Clerk; Prentice Beadell, Matthew Brown, Jeff Bullington, Richard Helling, Melody Herbst, Sten Johnson, Dwayne Purrington, Cynthia Roach, Constance Schey, Emmanuel Wilson  
Attending Clergy: Bishop Brian Prior, Very Rev. Paul Lebens Englund  
Guest: Brian Childs  
Chaplain: Mary Farrell

Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.  
Bishop Brian Prior led opening prayers.

**Litigation Update (Executive Session)**

Brian Childs updated Council on the process of settling the legal dispute between the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, ECMN, and St. Mark's. St. Mark's agreed to pay \$450,000 as a settlement; of that amount, ECMN has generously agreed to pay \$350,000. Settlement will cost St. Mark's \$100,000 as well as related legal expenses. A statement about the settlement will be forthcoming, developed jointly by Episcopal Homes, ECMN, and St. Mark's.

Jim Huber thanked Brian Childs for his great work; Brian Childs thanked Jim Huber, Dean Paul, Bishop Brian, Brian Myers, and Kathleen Murphy; and Bishop Brian thanked Brian Childs.

MOTION to authorize the Senior Warden to sign a document committing \$100,000 to settle the lawsuit. M/S Jim Huber, Sarah Nowlin. Greg Youtz made a friendly amendment that Council authorize Jim Huber to sign the joint statement. Bishop Brian Prior made a friendly amendment that Council add a separate motion.

MOTION that St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral enter into settlement agreement with Episcopal Homes and Trustees of the ECMN, involving a joint payment of \$450,000 from the Trustees and St. Mark's to Episcopal Homes. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to authorize Senior Warden to sign a document that will commit \$100,000 towards the settlement. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to authorize Senior Warden to sign a joint statement with Trustees of the ECMN and Episcopal Homes. M/S Jeff Bullington, Matthew Brown. Approved by unanimous voice vote

**Check In**

MOTION that the Council of St. Mark's resume meeting on the third Thursday in July.

M/S Matthew Brown, Melody Herbst. Discussion of work that could be accomplished with a July meeting. Motion passed by majority hand raised (6 in favor, 5 against).

MOTION to accept a donation of \$1 million from an anonymous donor. M/S Greg Youtz, Emmanuel Wilson. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION that Council members sponsor Sunday, June 4 refreshments after services. M/S Jeff Bullington, Matthew Brown. Suggestion that if no group sponsors refreshments, a collection basket could be set out. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jeff Bullington announced that in June, he will move to Colorado as director of library at Adams State University.

**Minutes**

Jim Huber presented minutes from previous meeting. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on April 20, 2017: M/S Matthew Brown, Emmanuel Wilson. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Accepted by unanimous voice vote.

### **Property Committee Report**

MOTION: Council approval was requested for funding the floor refinishing of the nave, Hewitt and Whipple Chapels in the amount not exceed \$30,000.00. Vendor is Arthur's Flooring. Project funding was proposed from the following: \$15,000.00 from Property Committee's restricted Hancock Building Fund and up to \$15,000.00 from the Dean's Entry Fund; both funding mechanisms to be reviewed by Finance. M/S Prentice Beadell, Dwayne Purrington. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Prentice Beadell invited Council members to visit newly renovated bridal lounge. Jim Huber thanked Prentice for her attention to detail and excellent work maintaining, restoring and improving the building and grounds; thanks also to Dwayne Purrington and Christine Slater for their work on the Property Committee.

### **Dean's Report**

MOTION that Saint Mark's Cathedral Council to approve City of Bells' non-binding exploratory venture, within which they will engage vendors to bid a carillon repair and expansion project, develop a total project budget target, and propose an initial funding model and solicitation strategy.

M/S Prentice Beadell, Constance Schey. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Dean Paul shared updates on congregational development and outreach.

### **Mission Discussion**

Dean Paul shared status of the 425 House: seeking possible investors in a redevelopment strategy for the 425 House. Dean is working closely with potential mission stakeholders in the property who will help to develop the house's 'mission strategy,' and is also in conversation with possible donors to underwrite the redevelopment initiative and ensure its long-term success.

### **Joint Resource Development Working Group**

Council received Report to St. Mark's Council from the Joint Resource Development Working Group. Greg Youtz reported that Larry Swandby presented report to the Cathedral Foundation; the Foundation welcomed possibility of co-venturing with Council in development of resources. Discussion of possibility of one position instead of two. Bishop Brian praised the vision work of the report.

MOTION to accept report. M/S Jim Huber, Sarah Nowlin. Report accepted by unanimous voice vote.

The clerk will send Fred Moore a thank-you note, on behalf of Council, for his work and leadership as Chair of Joint Resource Development Working Group.

### **Announcements**

Brian Prior shared his appreciation for the Council's work, praised the Property Committee's recent projects, and shared his gratitude for emerging ministry work and missional work at St. Mark's. Celebrated last month's sale of ECMN building to White Earth Nation. Grateful for his partnership with Dean Paul and the clergy of St. Mark's.

Cynthia Roach announced the picnic on Sunday, May 21, celebrating the end of the program year. Dean Paul reminded Council that Sunday after Labor Day is return to the program year.

Bishop Brian Prior led closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21.