

## St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2016

Attending Council Members: Jim Huber, Senior Warden; Sarah Nowlin, Junior Warden; Brian Myers, Treasurer; Iris Key, Clerk; Paul Anton, Michael Arthur, Prentice Beadell, Matthew Brown, Frances Fernandez, Melody Herbst, Sten Johnson, Fred Morrison, Dwayne Purrington, Louise Simons, Emmanuel Wilson, Greg Youtz

Chaplain: Mary Farrell

Attending Clergy: Rev. Siri Hauge Hustad

Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger

Guests: Robert J. Olson, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Brian Childs

Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Chaplain Mary Farrell led opening prayers.

Thanks

Jim Huber gives thanks to Prentice Beadell for vigilance around Hennepin-Lyndale Project and Cathedral property; thanks to Sarah Nowlin for working on safety issues; thanks to Pat Betsinger for her great work for Council; thanks to Mary Farrell for her prayers; thanks to Brian Childs and Bob Olson for their work on the ECMN property; thanks to Matthew Brown for his work on the Pride Festival.

### **Minutes**

Jim Huber presented minutes from the previous meeting. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on May 20, 2016. M/S Fred Morrison, Emmanuel Wilson Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jim Huber acknowledged receipt of reports collected by clerk from the chairs of committees and commissions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

For Brian Myers, Greg Youtz presented the treasurer's report. MOTION to accept treasurer's report. M/S Sarah Nowlin, Michael Arthur. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Property Committee**

MOTION to support the removal of the 425 House non-historic addition as soon as is financially and physically feasible. Since there is no line item for this construction project within the current Property budget, a separate funding source is needed; therefore, the committee concurs with the recommendation of utilizing the 75 Years Strong Campaign funding. M/S Prentice Beadell, Dwayne Purrington. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Junior Warden's Report**

Sarah Nowlin summarized the initial work of a task force on safety and security. Presentation of photographs and summary of security issues from the past two months. Request for the Council to sanction the mission of a Safety, Security & Crisis Management Task Force, led by Tim Kingsley, to develop a plan for emergencies, including possible training and communications. Siri Hauge Hustad reported on the security plans for Ordination and Pride Festival.

### **Governance Committee Report**

Fred Morrison requested feedback from Council on how to create a process for reviewing and voting on proposed projects, including how to handle complex interests in which multiple committees must review and make recommendations.

Fred recommended a basic education for all Council members on Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral history, structure, staff, clergy, and relationship to ECMN.

Fred suggested that Council focus not only on immediate details but also on longer-term planning and preparing for changes and trends.

Fred thanks Michael Arthur for his work amending the Foundation bylaws.

### **Presentation on ECMN Property**

Presentation by SMEC's chief negotiators regarding the offer to purchase the ECMN property at 1730 Clifton Place: Robert J. Olson, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, and Brian Childs, congregant. Robert Olson, representing SMEC on a pro-bono basis, summarized the previous and current proposals for the property. Distribution of confidential copies of a non-binding memorandum of understanding between SMEC and a developer regarding the current ECMN property at 1730 Clifton Place.

Brian Childs discussed negotiations with ECMN and with a developer, summarized concerns and advantages, and outlined anticipated purchase agreement schedule, with signing date, 60-day contingency period, and closing by ESCROW and authorization; and estimated

*Discussion of payments incurred by SMEC; two \$15,000 payments from Foundation (at signing date and 30 days afterwards), credited to SMEC upon purchase at closing, lost if deal dissolves. SMEC will make money from developer per agreement. \$3.375 purchase price for 1730 Clifton. \$25k per stall, \$2.1mil total. A closing detail will work out how developer and SMEC work out parking costs, likely paid in tranches over a period of time. Likely 11 months to build.*

Frances Fernandez leads closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.