

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2017

Attending Council Members: Jim Huber, Senior Warden; Sarah Nowlin, Junior Warden; Greg Youtz, Treasurer; Iris Key, Clerk; Paul Anton, Michael Arthur, Prentice Beadell, Lola Brown, Matthew Brown, Melody Herbst, Sten Johnson, Dwayne Purrington, Paul Settle, Emmanuel Wilson
Attending Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund
Staff: Pat Betsinger
Guest: Warren Maas

Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.
Emmanuel Wilson led opening prayers.

Welcome

Jim Huber and council welcomed Paul Settle, new council member replacing Jeff Bullington.

Minutes

Jim Huber presented minutes from previous meeting. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on June 15, 2017: M/S Michael Arthur, Sarah Nowlin. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Check-in

Jim Huber acknowledged receipt of written reports. Motion to accept reports: M/S Matthew Brown, Michael Arthur. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Greg Youtz presented his report, previously distributed to Council via email. Motion to accept report: M/S Sarah Nowlin, Prentice Beadell. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Major Gifts

Jim Huber announced the receipt of a donation of approximately \$22,000 from an anonymous donor who anticipates making similar donations periodically. Motion to accept donation: M/S Greg Youtz, Emmanuel Wilson. Gift has been reviewed by the acceptance committee which consists of officers, Dean Paul, and Inez Bergquist of Generations (Planned Giving). Pat Betsinger summarized the gift review process and guidelines. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Greg Youtz reviewed the Treasurer's report, including discussion of variances and of newly reviewed and adopted financial policies.

Jim Huber updated council on officers' review of the development report, per the council's vote in June re: Moore report.

Outreach Committee: Warren Maas noted major changes since departure of Dean Spenser Simrill in 2011, including change in governance, new dean, and change in diocese name and office location. Warren expressed concern that the change in outreach, towards partnered service, is not understood by congregation; requested discussion. Sarah Nowlin noted that a Dean's Forum in 2016 focused on this shift. Paul Anton discussed the role of reports, such as the development report, in governance.

Senior Warden's Report: Jim Huber gave thanks to Matthew Brown for his service on council and Pride in St. Mark's; to Sten Johnson and Emmanuel Wilson for their work on a job opening in cathedral administration; and to Prentice Beadell, for her planning and project management of the exit ramp.

Several council members have resigned: Constance Schey, Cynthia Roach. Requested council to consider, for future conversation, how large the council body ought to be; Jim suggested eight council

members, in addition to officers.

Dean's Report: Dean Paul discussed the process of seeking out development assistance, in response to the development report and council's motion to adopt the spirit of the report. Currently in conversation with a potential candidate for part-time consultant in development, to work closely with staff and committees particularly in planned giving, and annual campaigns. Position will be shaped in early September for committee approval; Paul hopes to present this position description to council for a vote.

Jim Huber updated Council on the status of the 425 House. Officers plan to present three options to Council in September: to rehabilitate the property for use; to sell the property; or to evaluate a plan for removing the house and using the lot for parking.

Dean Paul reported on the College for Congregational Development conference in Chicago, which he attended with Deacon Rena Turnham, Mary Lusk (Cathedral Program Life), and Cody Maynus (Community Engagement Coordinator). The conference taught methods for helping the cathedral's governance on mission and how resources serve the mission.

Council celebrated Matthew Brown who is resigning from council to attend college. Sarah Nowlin led a prayer for Matthew Brown, written by chaplain Mary Beth Farrell. Matthew Brown gave speech imploring Council to reflect on change.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.