

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

Attending Council Members: Jim Huber, Senior Warden; Sarah Nowlin, Junior Warden; Greg Youtz, Treasurer; Iris Key, Clerk; Prentice Beadell, Melody Herbst, Sten Johnson, Warren Maas, Dwayne Purrington, Paul Settle, Emmanuel Wilson.

Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund

Staff: Iweda Riddley

Guests: Ellen Archibald, David Christopherson

Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Dwayne Purrington led opening prayers.

Check-in

Prentice Beadell requested time for a discussion of the first reading of an amendment to the Constitution of the Cathedral, approved at the previous Council meeting, proposing a reduction in the number of non-officer council members from 15 to 9. Jim Huber postponed this discussion for December meeting due to time constraints.

Dwayne Purrington reported on a meeting on 11/15/2017 of Citizens for a Loring Park Community, on the subject of "Safe Crossing to Loring Park," and presented plans for an experimental crosswalk across 15th Street at intersection of Oak Grove Street.

Prentice Beadell reported on replanting of parking islands.

Minutes

Jim Huber presented minutes from previous meeting, previously distributed via email. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on October 19, 2017: M/S Warren Maas, Greg Youtz. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Greg Youtz summarized the Finance Committee's work in October and November. Motion to accept written reports: M/S Greg, Sarah Nowlin. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Prentice Beadell reported on a plan to install a new boiler to heat the snow melting system in the southern parking lot. Boiler will be donated by Laars Heating Systems Company, as negotiated by Rich Simons. Affiliated costs, including installation, controls, and connection to existing electrical system, will be paid through a donor's designated building gift, as approved by Dean Paul.

2018 Budget Review

Greg Youtz presented a preliminary 2018 budget proposed by finance committee, which will be finalized for a vote in December. Projected expenses were reduced due to anticipated decreased income in 2018. Greg explained the committee's review process to adjust allocations that were requested by committees and commissions. Finance committee developed a balanced budget by reducing expenditures, with the proposal that council members develop sources of income that could fund requested expenditures.

David Christopherson briefly summarized the past 18 years of St. Mark's finances, arguing that spending was too high and that the endowment was overdrawn, concluding that revenue generation, must be the primary focus of council and cathedral efforts.

Warren Maas agreed that prioritizing of revenue generation must be required of council members.

Greg stated that he would distribute the preliminary budget materials to council members via email, Council members were asked to prayerfully consider the discussion and send their ideas to Greg by December 4. Officers will distribute recommendations to council before the next council meeting.

Dean Paul urged council members to focus on community-building and service, rather than focusing on fundraising as their primary goal.

Jim, Greg, and Council thanked Ellen Archibald and David Christopherson for their service on the

Finance Committee.

Updates

December 21 council meeting will feature a pot luck dinner, with wardens preparing a main dish.

Dwayne Purrington led closing prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.