

St. Mark's Council Meeting Minutes
December 21, 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, Richard Helling, Melody Herbst, Sten Johnson, Warren Maas, Dwayne Purrington, Paul Settle, Emmanuel Wilson
Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund, Rev. Siri Hustad

Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
Dwayne Purrington led opening prayers.

Check-in

Sarah Nowlin requested that Council members arrive early to greet and orient visitors at special Advent services; and encouraged that Council members attend an upcoming training led by Tim Kingsley.

Richard Helling summarized the stewardship campaign for pledged giving in 2018: as of December 14, \$579,000; 56 increased pledges, 14 new pledges, 145 pledges not yet returned. At time of meeting, Richard had not been permitted access to the donor list in order to send thank-you cards to acknowledge receipt of pledge, nor to make phone calls to invite non-pledgers to pledge.

Clergy housing allowance

MOTION to accept the signatures of Senior Warden and Clerk on the resolutions for clergy housing allowance for the Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund, Rev. Siri Hustad, and Rev. Anna Ostenso Moore. M/S Michael Arthur, Richard Helling. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes

Jim Huber presented minutes from previous meeting, previously distributed via email. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on November 16, 2017: M/S Sarah Nowlin, Warren Maas. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

MOTION to accept receipt of minutes from officers, committees, and commissions. M/S Greg, Prentice Beadell. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION to accept Greg Youtz's Treasurer's Report, previously circulated via email. M/S Paul Anton, Richard Helling. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

2018 Budget Discussion and Vote

Greg Youtz presented revenue trends since 2000, showing downward trends in pledges, ADDITIONAL SLIDES, and opportunities for revenue growth in 2018 including rental, weddings, and parking. Forecasted revenue includes decreased anticipated endowments and trusts; slight increases in rental and Harrington Trust; dramatic increase in income from parking, weddings, interest, and music challenge, as well as usage billing of ECMN. MOTION to adopt the 2018 budget. M/S Paul Anton, Emmanuel Wilson. Discussion of viability of goal income relating to parking, wedding, and music. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

425 House Update

Jim Huber read aloud a report from Brian Childs, updating Council on the options that have been explored by Brian Childs, Dean Paul, and the officers. Options pursued: demolition, selling the property, or developing the property. Demolition is not viable according to Chairperson Lisa Goodman and Mayor-elect Jacob Frey. Discussion of possibility of inviting Lisa Goodman to a Council meeting to share interests and concerns about the community in general; Dean Paul and Brian will follow up.

Discussion of proposed constitutional amendment

Discussion of the first reading of an amendment to the Constitution of the Cathedral, proposing a reduction in the number of non-officer council members from 15 to 9. The reading was approved at the Council meeting on October 19, 2017; the second and final reading will take place at the Council meeting on January 18, 2018. Discussion of whether a larger or smaller group results in better leadership, discussion, and debate. Concern expressed over the potential consolidation of power into a smaller leadership group. A suggestion was made that Council may invite committees/commissions to attend council meetings, one committee/commission at a time, to hear more from the group's members and to encourage open communication.

Important dates, thank yous, and celebrations

Senior Warden signed forms to accept donation of Laars Magnatherm boiler.

Dean Paul thanked Greg Youtz for his outstanding work as treasurer.

Dean Paul announced dates and times of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; services for Advent 4, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day; and office closures.

Dwayne Purrington led closing prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

The next council meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018.