

St. Mark's Cathedral
Council Meeting
May 15, 2014

Attending Council Members: Chris Slater, Minnie Steele, Louise Simons, Dennis Christian, Brian Crist, George Ewing, Paul Schelin, John Nuechterlein, Linda Brandt, Betsy Hsiao, Sarah Nowlin, Joanne Christ, Jim Huber, Veronica Guevara, Warren Maas, Christopher Williams, Susan Lynx
Attending Clergy: Bishop Bruce Caldwell, Rev. Lowell Johnson.
Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger
Guest: Bishop Brian Prior
Chaplain: Mary Farrell
Clerk: Susan Lynx, Iris Key (Warden's Report B through Adjournment)

PBets, new dean, Deacon Lowell Johnson, Doug Eichten, George Ewing, Brian Crist, Paul Schelin, Joanne Crist, Brandt, Sarah Nowlin, Betsy Hsiao, Susan Lynx, Bruce, Warren, Kathleen, Jim Huber, Louise Simons, Helen Hansen, Chris Slater, Minnie Steele, Veronica G.

Meditation: Lowell Johnson
Minutes: M/S.
Jim Huber 1st, Sarah Nowlin 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Schelin presents. Accepted Jim/Sarah.

Warden's Reports

New Agenda Format- Warren says he and Joanne thought of having committees and commissions add their requests to agenda. Veronica: looks great, good idea. Will take time for council members to get into the habit; Warren says he will get agenda out sooner. Joanne: make sure to focus on topics that are important – not convos pertinent only to the committees or commissions. Kathleen Murphy question: where committee reports, do we need to submit text in advance or is oral enough? Joanne: it's up to you how much detail you want to add. And it is ok to pass if nothing has happened since the last council meeting.

Warren proposes: revisit this around the time of the announcement, decide how this worked.

Joanne: we have copies of "sowing wheat" document. While discussing program, we felt it was important to evaluate church with regard to mission—and evaluating each individual's work. At some point in future, council should look at Sowing Wheat in detail and consider updating/changing, but for now, use it in our mutual and self-evaluations.

Joanne reports that Bidote lease is close to completion.

Two things next week: luncheon Tuesday 12pm for Charlie. Thursday 5pm pot luck social for council in fireside room.

Q Brian Crist: is Charlie Incheon pot luck? PBets: planning on 100.

Minnie Steele: ECMN Council Report.

Did not attend March elected bodies meeting. In meeting docs are formation texts, and mission in Haiti info, for Council's knowledge. Minnie will give brief report on June mtg at next council mtg.

Jim Huber: Dean's Search Update 4:45

Back at it. Skyped 2 individuals. One will visit next week: Euch Lake of Isles 4h30, and then a meet and greet, and then interview Thursday. Jim will Skype another candidate next Tues.

Dean's Reports

Joanne:: Mary is not here. Betsy notes Mary has announcement: next Sat. pride reception: a few people have RSVPd with forum (6).

Bruce: Dean must have agenda for various committees under dean's authority. Mary wants to report to council about formation.

Spiritual Life Committee also wants to wait and report later. Jan is in charge of it. John N is stepping into worship leadership between Bruce and next dean.

Pastoral Care: Helen reports that the forum for pastoral care was well-attended. Members of task force met with congregation. Now have a committee, has not yet met.

Communications: Betsy: Branding Task Force: bruce asked for task force to review branding. Started before Easter trying to define identity, cathedral identity, what makes SM unique. Surveyed congregation and got great responses via email. Perhaps new visual and signature line, hope to present it in July.

Betsy : web site: last 30 days vs. same time 2013: 40 percent more users, 74p more pages per session, 12p longer session duration,

Bruce notes: nothing clear on boundaries re: Formation and Communications committees – under deans' authority but crosses over to council Bruce suggests that F and C committees report more fully at Council meetings in future.

Commission Reports

Outreach: Veronica met with Christopher re dividing outreach tasks. Made questionnaire to learn what people are doing and how council can support it. Will report back at next mtg.

Welcoming: Linda: wants to hear if we are making headway. More people at coffee hour who stay and are integrated, Lina thinks: wants feedback on this. Likes greeters and yellow ribbons, think they make a difference. Increased number of greeters because they made it more casual/not a long commitment week to week. Linda says: welcoming commission wants feedback about how we welcome people in parking area. Has opportunity to make handicapped parking area better. Property committee is over that; and welcoming committee asks Property committee to consider more trees, more direction to traffic, other changes to add to architecture of cathedral. Commission felt they were not being heard, entreats council to speak up if they have an opinion about it.

Helen as cochair with Kathleen of Property: you were heard. We read the emails. The question is how to pay for it? How to bring back contractor and have him redo what he was told to do? Changes would cost.

Joanne: should be province of Property committee. Sarah: we voted on layout. Linda: we approved cost but did not see plan. Sarah: we saw plan. Joanne: if more needs to be done, handle it within property committee.

Kathleen: a piece of info that is missing is: council voted that John's plan was too expensive. We listened to concrete pourer who was willing to redo his work at no extra cost. Very limited window of time.

Council needs to pull together to decide. K says it's hard to lead committee when they are asked to start over. Rich Maier was asked prior to K to take over, we need to help him succeed. Since council voted, we need to make it happen. Sarah: we voted last year and had presentation in auditorium. We can keep trying to work with Welcoming but we can't start over again, we need to find ways to make current plan work. Linda: we could plant trees up the hill.

K: in June, had small task force

Prentice Beadell, Candy Wallace, Rich Maier, Mary Phenucco all have history with parking lot; property committee lets them do their work, they report to Council.

Sarah: Cathedral Life: Bruce celebration of his ministry on Sunday 6/22. For Cynthia: card to sign, with donuts on 29th at 8 and 9am services.

Senior party celebrating seniors: picnic July 20. Getting started for Ministry Sunday in September.

Finance: Brian Crist: a parishinor passed away last year and we were in 5000+ every year for 10 years, executor asked if they would take lump sum instead, Finance agreed. Received 45000 in June. Cathedral gets 25, Foundation gets 20. Will use it to help relieve deficit. Audit is going on, likely report is done in July. Jim H: it is important to share w/candidates that books are clean.

Property Kathleen: on Easter Sunday: an accident, young mother and husband walking near playground, fell off ramp, baby hit head on cement, ok. Parents are both architects: ramp violates code because no railing on both sides. Father offered to meet with K and Pat B next week to discuss ideas for railing. Roof Project; met with roofing rep. Work starts mid July. Anticipates done by early September. Will redo gutter, membrane, a long term fix. Hennepin Lyndale reconstruction project: see handout FYI draft letter. Will be gutting Lydale and Hennepin curb to curb along SM. Construction, pounding: a large community group is meeting, Mary Pegnuchel. represents Saint Mark's at meetings.

Jim: Hennepin and basilica effected? K: yes

Brian Crist: when to express concerns, say re; organ damage? K: as meetings occur., property committee will compile list of questions and concerns and Mary will communicate them. K: roofing, parking, Henn-Lyn, Episcopal Homes: all projects simultaneous.

Brian crist: for notes that St Louis king of france church had to disassemble and reassemble their organ during light rail construction green line.

Bruce: ?2015 deadline is soon! K: federal money. Bruce: we may be somewhat at odds with our community: cathedral community comes from all over and wants easy traffic; Henn Lyn project wants communter friendliness.

Brian: if barrier to cathedral, then smaller attendance and fewer pledges. K: the more we know in advance, the more we can communicate to SMans.

Susan: traffic and ped friendly are not mutually exclusive. Susan finds alarming the four high level ideas (pg. 26 of meeting materials): does not reflect the totality of cathedral attendees. Kathleen invites susan to email K and Mary Pegnugel.

Louise Simons Stewardship: discussed consecration Sunday, scheduled in October. Some modifications to 2013's program to be discussed in July or August. Asked for help from Communications Committee: snippets of why people come to st mark's. Louise: looking for people to help with parking. Sheri will help with treasure sale: to do here or at another location?

Brian Crist: we need more pride weekend parking volunteers, 10-10.

Bruce: rock the garden parking starts at 3:00.

Betsy : q For Brian and Pat: any special info re: parking on 29th ?

Doug Eichten, Governance Committee: New member: Paul Anton. Priorities: 1. Clean up elections. Tony Winer leads that. Council was given draft of what council should consider as policies, will clean up and give it to council at another meeting. 2. Ensure new statutes and constitution are reflected in policies. 3. Gift Acceptance policy, in materials: not much has changed. Changes: get exec committee out of document, bring it into sync with new governing docs (change it to "council"). Other change he recommends committee make: page 28, 3rd paragraph: gift review committee: acts on behalf of council,

not instead of council. GR Com takes care of smaller issues and their work is reviewed and approved by council. Planned giving is part of Stewardship.

Doug motions to accept these changes to G App policy, Minnie seconds. Joane calls for vote, approved.

Susan: council in May accepted job description with request that spiritual stewardship be part of it – see on page 38 item 37 in meeting materials.

KM: very well done, committee used all data well and Susan made it into one form. Will document be made public?

Joanne: shared job desc with candidates in person. Not published. KM: Will it be published or communicated to congregation? Susan: it would not hurt to have it on web site, it is council's decision. Good for cong. To see that their survey CAT scan was used.

George Ewing: Would show congregation the balance of time and energy and roles required for dean. Doug notes: no. 7 is not in spirit of governing documents. Going forward, how we define "foster" and "spiritually inspired" should be worked on with dean. The spirit of it is: raising money is Council's job, not Dean's job; as we go along it will be important to follow up on this idea. Susan; at last meeting discussed that there is a spiritual component. Veronica: new dean would likely welcome this – all candidates have pushed back to get clarification of their roles. Important for us to be clear in defining their roles.

Betsy: should we have paragraph to go along with posting? Bruce: describe its use in future, use for mutual review. Susan wants Jim Huber to write the paragraph, he says no, Susan will work on a paragraph to introduce it. Susan: mutual ministry review is vague, but this is an employment relationship. Susan says governance, search, and wardens, and Bruce should see the paragraph first. Betsy: will put it on policies page.

Agenda responses 5:41: Brian Crist: set deadlines for tentative agenda, for when to submit additions, when to get all materials to Pat so that she can send out all materials at once. Bruce: Pat, please ID a timeframe. Pat: go out on Tuesday after finance committee meets (Tuesday of same week of council meeting), Susan: then get all materials to Pat on Monday. Week before: Warren sends out tentative agenda.

Jim: new agenda worked well, it is organized.

Joanne: felt last meeting was disorganized, wants more order.

Betsy: too much paper. Could we read them at home or on screen? Pat suggests summaries/synopses instead of full documents. Linda: wants wifi – or to download from her email. Kathleen warns that we need to be all on the same page, Joanne: which committee wants it? Doug: let junior warden do it.

Bruce: we pass over finance very quickly in this council, appreciates that trust is strong, but feels it is our major responsibility; Brian: had a special open meeting ?, will hold another one.

Announcements, celebrations 5:47

Senior warden did great job in Outlook (Bruce)

Lowell Johnson: June 26th Breck summer ordination service, one is Ramona Scarpace ordained as priest. Jim H will present her. Ramona will participate in Pride service. Recommends seeing ordination service. 15 ordained.

Sarah Nowlin: Property, Cathedral Life, and Welcoming are having cleanup day July 12th. 9am-12pm. Please come and help, and deliver equipment.

Bruce: break of the drought.

Jim Huber: st paul's lake of the isles logan and franklin.

5:50 prayer