

**GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
OCTOBER 30, 2019  
MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 in Founders Hall.

Members present: The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, Priest-in-Charge; Paula Henderson Connors, Senior Warden; Terri Curran, Junior Warden; Phyllis Biddle; Sharon Cheers; Donna Knoell; Candy McDowell; Ron Michka; Ryan Thomas.

Members absent: Jeff Johnson; Kristen Ellis Johnson; Richard Morse; Jonathan Sternberg.

Others present: David Telep, Treasurer; Steve Moore, Chancellor.

The meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Paula Connors at 5:30PM. Paula announced that in the absence of Vestry Clerk, Jonathan Sternberg, Candy McDowell would serve as recording secretary. Canon Dorn offered an opening prayer.

**1. Minutes of the September 26, 2019 Vestry meeting.**

**Motion:** Donna Knoell made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting as written. Terri Curran seconded the motion. **Discussion:** There was discussion regarding a item in the minutes about a proposed plaque recognizing the David Beal Fund. Further discussion and action were postponed until later in the meeting. There was also discussion about how detailed the minutes should be. **Action:** The motion was approved by voice vote. Ron Michka asked that it be recorded that he opposed the motion.

**2. Financial Report – David Telep, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairperson**

**September Financial Report:** David Telep commented briefly on the September MTD and YTD finances. YTD Revenues through the month of September – especially in the areas of Pledges and Plate – are significantly below budget (\$98,628). However, Expenses continue to be trim and are \$124,556 below budget resulting in a better than budgeted Net Total of \$23,138. Although this looks good for the Cathedral’s bottom line it is not a healthy way to do ministry. We have a \$161,000.00 cash reserve which is good. The amount of the final payment from the Crowell Fund is still unknown. The complete Financial Report was included in the Vestry Packet.

**2020 Budget:** David Telep reported that the Budget Committee has had two meetings. It is possible that a \$113,000.00 deficit will be budgeted for 2020. At this point 2020 budgeted Expenses are: 61% Administration and Larger Church; 28% Property; and 11% Ministry. Income from Pledges and Plate is being budgeted to equal the trailing 12 month actual of \$467,000 which would equal 26% of budgeted Income.

**Unrestricted bequests:** There was discussion concerning the 40%-40%-20% split currently used for unrestricted gifts. David Telep will bring a resolution regarding the split to the Vestry at the November meeting.

**David T. Beal Trust:** The Finance Committee has proposed that a plaque recognizing the David T. Beals Trust's gift to restore the Cathedral's stained-glass windows be placed in the Nave. There was discussion about whether or not to have a plaque and what the wording of the proposed plaque should be.

**Motion:** *Paula Connors moved that we put a plaque in the Nave acknowledging the David T. Beals Fund's contribution for the restoration of the stained-glass windows. Terri Curran seconded the motion.* **Action:** The motion passed. 6 In favor; 2 Opposed.

David will bring a resolution to the November Vestry meeting with the proposed exact wording for the plaque.

### **3. Stewardship Committee – Steve Moore, Chairperson**

The theme for the 2020 Annual Giving Campaign is: Faith, Gratitude, Love. Steve Moore reported that he is optimistic about annual giving and hopes to raise \$550,000.00 in pledges for 2020. Thus far we have received 66 pledges which is considerably ahead of where we were at this point in the campaign in the previous 2 years. **A to-date Annual Giving Campaign report is attached.**

### **4. Jr. Warden Report – Terri Curran**

Terri Curran reviewed the current and planned efforts of the Social Outreach Committee. Upcoming events for which volunteers are requested include: Women of Grace Luncheon (December 14th), Christmas Family Bag packing (December 15th), Christmas Luncheon for Homeless (December 21st). **The complete October Jr. Warden's Report is attached.**

### **5. Sr. Warden Report – Paula Connors**

Paula Connors reported that there is a great deal of activity going on with regard to transitioning the Keyse family to Kansas City and welcoming them to the Cathedral. She is in telephone contact with Andy on an almost daily basis. Andy will be here beginning the First Sunday of Advent and the rest of the Keyse family will be joining him and us Christmas week. There are many parishioners who are helping with the transition and more will be involved as the transition proceeds.

Paula made some brief comments about the 2019 WestMo Diocesan Convention which was held at the Cathedral October 25th and 26th. Things went smoothly with the exception of some difficulties with the sound system. Members of the Cathedral who were elected or appointed to Diocesan committees or commissions include: Alexandra Connors (Standing Committee and General Convention Deputy), Curtis Hamilton (Convention Secretary,

General Convention Deputy), Vern Barnet (Commission on Ministry), Chris Morrison (Diocesan Council), Christine Morrison (Alternate Deputy to the General Convention).

## **6. Priest-in-Charge Report – Cannon Christy Dorn**

Canon Dorn's complete report was included in the Vestry packet. It includes not only a listing of her monthly activities, but ideas for welcoming Dean Andy and the Keyse Family.

The Vestry expressed thanks to Christy for being our glue and our rock – again!

## **7. Building and Grounds – David Barker, Chairperson**

A brief Building and Grounds update was included in the Vestry Packet.

## **8. Other Business**

Terri Curran reported that the **Nominating Committee** has had one meeting to review the nominating process, communication materials, and criteria. Requests for nominations will be printed in the Sunday bulletins beginning this coming Sunday – November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Four parishioners will be elected to the Vestry Class of 2023 at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020.

On behalf of the **Safety/Security Committee**, Chairperson Sharon Cheers requested volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters at upcoming (mostly music) events which will be held at the Cathedral, but sponsored by outside groups. A complete schedule of events can be found in the Autumn edition of the *Angelus* (Pages 10-11). Sharon's note of request is attached.

**Hospitality** Liaison Donna Knoell announced that a Hymnfest has been suggested for sometime during Epiphany.

## **9. Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22PM.* Canon Dorn lead the Vestry in a closing prayer.

**The next regular meeting of the Vestry is scheduled for Thursday, November 21**