

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Vestry Minutes on Sunday, January 30, 2022

Members Present: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse (Dean), The Rev. Canon Ryan Wiksell (Assoc.), Amy Cornwell (via phone), Nick Smith, Ken Stewart, Pat Decker, Candace McDowell (Sr. Warden), Ron Michka

Newly elected members: Sharon Cheers, Valerie Johnson, Paula Livingston-Lewis, Michael Thomas

Members Absent: Bill Colvin, Kay Woolley

Others Present: Steve Moore, Chancellor

The meeting was held in the Multipurpose Room of Founders' Hall following the Annual Meeting during the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service. Vestry members unable to meet in person were able to join via Zoom teleconference.

First order of business: To nominate and elect a Jr. Warden. Nick Smith nominated Michael Thomas to serve as Jr. Warden of the Vestry. Michael Thomas accepted the nomination.

The responsibilities of the Jr. Warden were summarized as: The Jr. Warden is the "People's Warden". The Jr. Warden must attend the Executive Committee meeting which is held on the Monday prior to the monthly Vestry meeting. The current time of the Exec. Committee meetings is currently held on Zoom teleconferencing at 5:30 p.m. but can be adjusted for the members of that group, if needed. The Jr. Warden also oversees/leads the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Dean Keyse announced there was a nomination on the floor for Jr. Warden (referring to Michael Thomas). Ron Michka nominated himself to serve as the Jr. Warden. Amy Cornwell (AC) formally nominated Ron Michka from the floor via phone call. With two nominations now on the floor for Jr. Warden, the two nominees were asked to leave the room in order for the vote to be taken by the members. Each nominee's vote would count for toward himself.

Votes were taken by a show of hands and verbal from the phoned-in member (A.C.) The final vote was 6 for Michael Thomas and 4 for Ron Michka. Michael Thomas will serve as the Jr. Warden of the Vestry.

Second order of business: To nominate and elect a Clerk to the Vestry. A call for nominations for the Clerk of the Vestry was made. Sharon Cheers nominated Valerie Johnson. Valerie Johnson accepted the nomination. Other nominations were invited from the floor and none were made. The vote was taken by a show of hands with 9 voting yes. (It is unclear if a vote was counted from the phone-in member, A.C.).

The next order of business: To select a date for the Vestry Retreat. The next Vestry meeting is February 17, so Sr. Warden (Candy McDowell) and Dean Keyse proposed the retreat be held on a Saturday in March 2022. Whether it is held in-person or via Zoom would not be decided at this time and could be determined closer to the date. Dean Keyse would prefer to meet in-person if it is safe to do so.

There was general agreement with the selection of Saturday, March 5, for the Vestry Retreat with no conflicts mentioned at this time. Dean Keyse indicated past retreats have generally been 9:00 a.m.- 2 p.m. and is likely to be similar timing for this year's retreat.

Current plans for future Vestry meetings: Dean Keyse discussed the current format of Vestry meetings having been on Zoom on the 4th Thursday of the month. However, in February 2022, there is a conflict due to travel to the Annual CEEP (Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes) Conference in Atlanta, GA. Therefore, the Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17 at 5:30 PM via Zoom.

Dean Keyse offered to modify the Vestry meeting times earlier or later than 5:30 PM. The members present did not have a desire to change the current time. The Vestry will continue to meet via Zoom at 5:30 PM until the group decides to meet in person. When meeting in person, the Vestry will meet in the Common Room.

Sr. Warden, Candy McDowell, asked if hybrid meeting (in-person with some members still available to meet via Zoom) is possible in the Common Room. Dean Keyse confirmed that it would be possible in the Common Room once the technological capability is in place. Until then, hybrid meeting might be better achieved in the Multi-Purpose Room because of the technology set up in that space.

The next Vestry meeting time was confirmed for Thursday, February 17 at 5:30 PM via Zoom and members were dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Blanco Johnson, Vestry Clerk