

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY MINUTES

Date: November 15, 2016

Attending:

Tori Aitchison	X	Don Appleton	X	Karen Boksan	
Dick Guyer	X	Cathy Bailey	X	Joe Hafich	X
Werner Reinartz	X	Kyle Cole	X	Harry Johnston	X
Kris Warner		Mary Mulder	X	Annalisa Kelly-Cavotta	X
		Susan Sartaretto		Richard Sause	X
		Meg Seltzer	X		

Clergy: Tony Pompa

Dick called the meeting to order.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer led by Don.

Mission Focus: Emergency Shelter – letter, from Rodney Conn, including background, current status and personal notes and observations shared.

Approval of minutes: Werner made a motion to approve the October minutes, as submitted. Annalisa seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finance report: Finance report reviewed. Concerns for shortfall by the end of the year. May need to take additional withdrawal from Hurd Trust. Consider reminders to parishioners to keep their pledges up to date. Note net change of 5.02% in the DIT accounts. Request for some of the financial data put into graph form for easier viewing and understanding. Harry and Tori will look into how to do this. Rethink the income line item of Vestry fund raisers, this is very work intensive with minimal return. We have not been very successful in the past few years. Extensive conversation about philanthropy and how we can meet with parishioners one-on-one to discuss their giving and their vision of how their pledge money is being used. Tori is willing to talk with the Stewardship Committee about this idea.

Motion to accept and file financial report for audit by Kyle, seconded by Werner.

Property report: Report by Richard. Some work was done on the upper level parking lot entrance and exit. Walk way between parking lot and entrance to Sayer Hall was repaired. Painting of Good Shepherd Chapel will start soon. Complaints of sanctuary/choir area not

being clean. Will direct those comments to Jose. Still need to make decisions on the sign for the corner part of the property.

Stewardship report: Report by Kyle. Committee will be meeting next week. Preliminary report on pledges is the number of pledges is about same as this time last year but pledged income is \$20,000 more.

Nominating report: Report by Dick. Reduction in size of vestry for 2017 and changes to timing of the annual meeting. We will hold our annual meeting February 26, 2017 (a compromise between the required January meeting and our history of the meeting in April). Nominating committee will need to begin work now. Wardens and nominating committee will discuss the transition to a 12 person vestry.

Budget report: Budget committee, including Richard and Harry, will be meeting later this month.

Personnel report: no report.

Old business: Bill Miller fundraiser >\$900; next fundraiser event is Craig and Nyke on December 4th.

Refugee family is doing very well. Focus now on budgeting and financial planning and learning English. Goal for them to be independent by midsummer next year.

New business: Advent and Christmas calendar – Advent lessons and carols Sunday after Thanksgiving Nov 27th. Christmas lessons and carols on December 20, 2016. Pay attention to many activities coming up.

Snippets:

- We will be starting Room at the Inn shelter ministry December 1st
- As result of recent changes to Diocesan Canons our annual meeting will be held February 26, 2017. Another change is limiting the vestry to 12 members.
- There will be a concert December 4th with Craig and Nyke.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Werner, seconded by Mary.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 (note 2nd Tuesday of the month)

- chaplain – Meg Seltzer
- dinner host – Dick Guyer

Respectfully submitted.

Cathy Bailey
Vestry Clerk.