

Vestry Minutes
The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

In attendance: Richard Sause, Meg Seltzer, Don Appleton, Werner Reinartz, Karen Boksan, Tori Aitchison, Joe Hafich, Dean Tony Pompa, Harry Johnston, Kyle Cole

Not in attendance: Mary Mulder, Annalisa Kelly-Cavotta

Mission Focus: Fountain Hill Tutoring: Don Appleton shared that he along with 9 other Nativity members are involved in tutoring at Fountain Hill Elementary School. Each Nativity mentor meets with at least one student for a small block of time once a week. They provide homework help, but more important a caring adult.

Stewardship: Kyle Cole reported that the In Gathering will be on Sunday, November 18 with the kick-off on October 7. They will be highlighting the camp video and infusing the Nativity narrative.

Personnel: Karen Boksan and Dean Tony Pompa reported together that they are working to fill the needs of the cathedral—community focus, education leadership, and priest support—with the best fits. Based on continued conversations with Vestry, the Personnel Committee will maintain a creative approach. Mr. Winston Alozie was welcomed to the staff and Cathedral community with an email announcement on September 19. He will join us a part-time “musician-in-residence” for the 321 Contact worship service on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. For many years, Winston was the director at the Boys and Girls Club and currently the program coordinator for the after-school program at Broughal Middle School.

Finance: Don Appleton presented on behalf of the finance committee. A conversation was held in regard to the Choral Scholars Memorial Fund. The Choral Scholars program has been a wonderful tradition for more than 20 years and most years supports 3-4 talented musicians or vocalists in their participation with the Cathedral music ministry. A total of \$14,507 could be included in the Choral Scholars Memorial Fund because family members of those memorial funds provided their blessing. A balance of \$4,000 in the memorial fund of Virginia Bankhard requires a vestry vote. Don Appleton motioned for the \$4,000 Bankhard fund become part of the Choral Scholars Memorial Fund. Werner Reinartz seconded the motion and all approved. The Choral Scholars Fund is now \$18,507 and memorializes Betty Coken, Mary Thiel, Dee Montgomery, Jean Montgomery, Petey Perkins, Ed Strohl and Virginia Bankhard.

Don Appleton continued with the presentation of the finance report. Meg Seltzer motions for approval of the report and Kyle Cole seconded. The report will be files for audit (see attached).

Property: Joe Hafich reported that the committee has several projects that are being quoted and they will plan to present the projects, priorities and cost at the next Vestry meeting.

Campus Master Plan: The Adult Forum presentation was well attended. The next meeting of the committee is planned for October 22.

Fundraising: Perfect Pairing will be on Friday, November 2. Ticket cost and sponsorship opportunities were discussed. The Vestry is looking forward to helping coordinate and support the event.

Other: Seating of the New Bishop will take place on Friday, October 12 at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral. Full Vestry Retreat will take place October 26-27. The Pricilla Payne Hurd Lecture Series on Church and Society will be on November 10 at 11:30 am. – 4:30 pm and will include learning and experiencing Spiritual Healing and Wholeness.

Snippets:

1. We are grateful for the number of folks who attended the Adult Forum about the campus master plan progress. Look for more updates later this fall.
2. The Vestry voted to approve a fund for the Choral Scholars program, a wonderful tradition for more than 20 years at Nativity. The Fund memorializes Betty Coken, Mary Thiel, Dee Montgomery, Jean Montgomery, Petey Perkins, Ed Strohl and Virginia Bankhead. The Fund is also open to annual gifts.
3. Look for an invitation for Perfect Pairings to be held on Nov. 2. - It's fundraiser to support all of work together and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy dinner and candlelight in the Cathedral. More details soon!
4. During the summer months, we see a slowdown in pledge payments and by mid-fall, most folks are caught up. This is a gentle reminder that you still have time to catch up! Many thanks for all of your support.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 pm with a motion by Meg Seltzer and seconded by Werner Reinartz.

Respectfully submitted by Tori Aitchison on behalf of Annalisa Kelly-Cavotta.