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Vestry Minutes September 15, 2015

Roll Call: Present: Dean Brian Baker, Kevin Donohue, Pat Ronne, Chris Tzimenatos, Linda Aston, Peter Perera, Kevin Sanders, Bill Mason, Mike Pinkerton, Randy Cheek
Absent: Sue Clark, Jason Lyons, David Lindgren, Doss Miller, Laura Jestes, Bishop Biesner
Guests: Ric Burwell

Handouts
Reflection, stewardship committee report

Dean Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

Opening Prayer: Bill Mason

Book Study: Dean Baker

Approval of the August Vestry Minutes: Two changes: Finance Committee paragraph spelling change to “properly” not “property”; attendance, administration committee and organ restoration paragraphs change spelling to David Lindgren from David Lindstrom.

Motion: Kevin Donohue moved and Chris Tzimenatos seconded a motion to approve the August Vestry Minutes with corrections. Motion approved.

Vestry Committee Reports:

Finance Committee – Pat Ronne

Pat gave a brief update on the status of the transition to Creating Answers. Our Rochdale representative, Poul-Erik Olsen, has requested to meet with the Finance Committee at the next meeting for an update on our investments.

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Facilities Committee -- Kevin Sanders, Peter Perera, Linda Aston

Kevin gave an update on deferred maintenance projects currently being worked on. Bids are being accepted for exterior trim painting; quotes received so far are approximately \$20k to \$25k for both the Cathedral and the administration building. We need to consider adding gutter protection for \$5k. Cathedral floor tiles are being replaced now that the floor repair has been completed. Creation of the family space in the West Transept, including the removal of several pews, is scheduled for Saturday, September 26. A pictorial display of the master plan highlights for the building and grounds improvements is being created and will be set up during the fall dinner. The Men's Group will contribute \$3k toward the new signage if the amount is matched. The stained glass windows are not included in this project but are a standalone project. Repair of the concrete slabs by the alley parking is being evaluated. Pruning and cleaning out of the shrubbery continues, led by Linda Aston.

Administration Committee – Bill Mason

Bill reported that David Lindgren's assessment of the bylaws is that it may be more effective to scrap the current bylaws and begin again, to ensure conformity to diocesan and Episcopal canon. Bill recommended a book, Governance and Ministry, that he has found meaningful.

Stewardship Committee – Chris Tzimenatos

Chris reported (see handout) on all of the sub-committees. Focus is on the annual appeal and fall dinner on October 10. Vestry members were asked to sign up to work that day and evening, as well as to call parishioners to invite them to attend. The education sub-committee has scheduled a Sunday class, "Soul of Money," taught by Bud Swank and Vaughn Wolff.

Organ renovation – Ric Burwell (reporting for David Lindgren) reported on the status of our organ project. The pipes will be voiced by mid-October. The antiphonal organ work is being planned. Most of the funds have been received or are pledged, and the plan includes raising enough for a \$30k reserve for future maintenance. The committee will plan a concert in 2016 when the antiphonal organ has been completed.

Dean's report – Dean Baker reported on the unexpected death of Eddie Lee and the ill health of several older parishioners. Pioneer House will be dissolved soon when the final legal approval is received, and the Cathedral will receive approximately \$1M from the dissolution. Dean Baker said that the Burning Man sermon that he gave and that has been posted on Vimeo has been viewed 15k times and is inspiring numerous emails to him. He reported on his trip to Ghana, the third conference in four years of an Episcopal commission dedicated to improving gay rights in Africa. As an indicator of the trend of attitude in the African culture, this is the first time that the hosting bishop was willing to link his name to the conference and its report of progress. Several bishops attended, as well as guests from the Lutheran church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM by Dean Baker.

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