

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Sacramento
Vestry Minutes
January 24, 2017



Present: Jason Lyons, Pat Ronne, Nathan Daily, Linda Alston, Eileen Harvey, Bill Mason, Doss Miller, Bill Shane, Peter Perera, Dean Brian Baker, and Bud Swank.

Not Present: Bishop Biesner

Guest: Jerry Paré

Call to Order

Brian Baker called us to order and led us in prayer.

Prayer Report

David Lindgren reported on his experiences with becoming acquainted with those members of Trinity that he has been praying for and developing further relationships with those he does know.

Loan on the Dean's House

In connection with the refinancing of Dean Baker's house, the Senior Warden reported that he has reviewed an appraisal of the house effective as of October 15, 2016 and is satisfied that the fair market value of the house is sufficient to protect the interests of the Cathedral, which holds a second mortgage on the residence, in this transaction. Accordingly, the Vestry authorized the Senior Warden to execute on behalf of the Cathedral all documents reasonably required to effect the refinancing.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Strategic Planning

Brian opened the discussion on the status of the visioning process. Linda, Eileen, and Jason gave input as to the planning process, stating that overall, there was a well-thought out means of determining priorities for further development going forward. There are still 2 meetings to be held with the planning consultant, Caroline, prior to the annual meeting. The vestry has reviewed the progress of this committee.

Stewardship report

Nathan reported that \$833, 000+ has come in for pledges thus far. There are still some outstanding pledge commitments to be factored in. The next stewardship meeting will be held on February 21st. Bud Swank explained some means of raising funds that he has known from his experience in fundraising. These included income streams as well as building blocks.

Dean Baker reported that we have had an increase in young families attending church, and every week, new families are coming to check out the church. Overall attendance has increased by 7% this year, mainly due to these new families. We need to establish a means of communicating with these families regarding the stewardship process as this may be unfamiliar to some. The Dean will be working with Bud Swank on being a chief fundraiser and leader in the process.

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Financial Report, Plan, and Budget

Pat Ronne reported some items of information are needed to complete the financials, but those will soon be available. The pledges from Forward in Faith will go towards supporting the budget. We will take out of apportioned funds as previously planned to balance the budget, and we are on target for this. The Dean has signed a contract with a new accounting company, which will be of lesser cost overall, but we have added extra hours to Jerry's assistant at a nominal cost. The budget was reviewed by the vestry and approved. The financial plan is being reviewed and considered.

Housing Allowance Change for Megan

Housing allowance for Megan will decrease by \$2,000. This is for tax purposes only, and does not affect the church financially. This was approved by the vestry.

Governance

This committee has not met yet.

Facilities

Large construction work is tentatively scheduled to begin after Easter—sewer, handicapped ramp, etc. The roof repair will occur sooner as weather permits.

Dismissal

Dean Baker gave the dismissal at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Moulton, Clerk