

Cathedral Church of St. Paul Chapter Minutes

Date: 11/15/2022

Convene Time: 5:35 PM

Clergy:

Present: Amma Nicola Bowler; Deacon John Doherty; Deacon Jean Davis

Absent:

Officers:

Present: Senior Warden Stephanie Wells; Junior Warden Phyllis Melton; Clerk Kirsten Buniak; Treasurer Henry Harmon

Absent:

Class of 2023:

Present: Elvin McDonald; Mike Gillespie; Jonathan Hansen; Henry Harmon

Absent:

Class of 2024:

Present: Phyllis Melton; Jolene Phelps; John Stender-Custer; Duane Sand

Absent:

Class of 2025:

Present: Kirsten Buniak; Tom Smith; Stephanie Wells

Absent: Stephanie Murphy;

Guests/Visitors:

Nathan Brown

Opening Prayer:

Jonathan Hansen opens with a prayer.

Business Agenda:

- October 2022 Minutes
 - Phyllis Melton motioned to approve the October 2022 Minutes, with a second from Mike Gillespie.
 - Motion passes.
- October 2022 Financials
 - Letters were sent out to those who have a remaining balance from their pledge for this year.
 - Henry Harmon notes that nothing is out of the ordinary.

- Phyllis Melton motions to accept the October 2022 Financial Report, with a second from Mike Gillespie.
 - Motion passes.

Old Business:

- Vision Task Force Report pt 2
 - Amma Nicola reintroduces the main objective and goal outlined in the Vision Task Force's report from last month's meeting.
 - Objective: Double Sunday attendance in 2 years.
 - Goal: Find credibility around the objective statement.
 - Virtual Visiting - Nathan Brown discusses 'virtual visiting'.
 - Nathan Brown shares more about his role in implementing Facebook events and Google advertisements.
 - Community Conversations at the Cathedral - a speaker series at the Cathedral discussing topics that might be interesting to the downtown community.
 - Youth Choir - Jolene Phelps shares a bit about this. She shares that it would potentially start as an extension as the summer youth choir program, but move into a around-the-year program.
 - Ecodiversity - Elvin McDonald shares about this. Elvin shares that he is working to improve the diversity of the gardens on the Cathedral campus, as well as working to educate the community neighbors about the Cathedral's efforts.
 - Bridge Church / Connection Cafe -
 - Around 600 unhoused people are located Des Moines
 - The assisting churches in this program, including St. Paul's would host music concerts, dinners, etc. as a chance to recruit more helpers, donors, as well as having a free will offering.
 - Holy Day Celebration -
 - Bishop Monnot wants to serve on Holy Days that do not fall on a Sunday!
 - We want to commit to this!
 - Science Wednesdays - Amma Nicola elaborates more on this.
 - Short talks on the integration of science and faith - showing they are not asynchronous.
 - Henry Harmon motions to approve and adopt the Vision Task Force's report, with a second from Jonathan Hansen.
 - Motion passes.
- 1885 Building Revitalization Update
 - OPN and Breiholtz are planning to meet to discuss their side of the contract.
 - Two bids for asbestos testing - this is testing only, not the abatement of asbestos.
 - Phyllis Melton motions to have the testing be only in the 1885 building. Tom Smith seconds.
 - Motion passes.
 - Jolene motions to approve the bid for the Iowa Environmental Services, with a second from Jonathan Hansen.
 - Motion passes.

- Historic Tax Credit
 - Phyllis Melton assures the Chapter that we are making progress.
- Eagle Scout Project - Old Nursery
 - The carpet is being redone in the ramp room and new paint is being applied, as a part of an Eagle Scout project.
- Social Event
 - No Murder Mystery party, as there was not enough time to pull it all together.
 - Instead, there will be a Ugly Sweater Party on Dec. 13th from 5:30 pm- 7 pm.

New Business:

- 2023 Budget
 - The 2023 Budget will be proposed before the December meeting.
- Amma Nicola report
 - No report this month, as there were 2 burial service preparations that took priority.
- Cathedral Merch Store
 - Kirsten Buniak tells the Chapter to check out the Cathedral store!

Adjournment:

- Amma Nicola gives a short prayer/poem response for the closing statement.
- Tom Smith motions to adjourn, with a second from Jonathan Hansen.
 - Motion passes.

Adjournment Time: 6:45PM

Minutes Submitted,
Kirsten Buniak