

Summary of Minutes of Vestry Meeting February 18, 2020

Members Present

Dean Robert Price
Janis Adams
Michael Bradley
Phil Dunnet
Janet Page Elsea
Chrys Meador
Ryan Morris
David Pinson, Senior Warden
Kenny Rogers, Junior Warden
Nancy Sanford
Randy Staff
Ashton Tassin
Diane Wiles

Also Attending

Eileen Smith, Clerk
Bob Jones, Treasurer
David Wallace

The vestry minutes contain the following actions:

1. Approved the minutes of the January 21, 2020 vestry meeting.

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Approval of Minutes

Ashton Tassin moved that the minutes of the January 21, 2020 vestry meeting be approved. David Pinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Welcome New Members

Dean Rob Price welcomed the new vestry members, Chrys Meador, Randy Staff, Ashton Tassin, and Diane Wiles, and asked them to introduce themselves and tell a little about themselves. Father Rob then asked the returning vestry members to introduce themselves and share a little about themselves.

Upcoming Events

Dean Price discussed the following upcoming events:

- a. Feb. 24, 6 p.m.: St. Matthias the Apostle
- b. February 25, 5:30-7:30: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and burning of the Palms
- c. February 26, 7:15; Noon; 6:00: Ash Wednesday
- d. March 1, 12:30: Community of the Paraclete
- e. March 1, 5:00: New Creation Night
- f. March 6: RPP+ leaves for pilgrimage to Holy Land
- g. March 18: RPP+ returns from Holy Land
- h. March 24, 6:30 p.m.: Vestry Meeting
- i. March 25, 6:00 p.m.: Feast of the Annunciation

Jr. Warden Report

Junior Warden Kenny Rogers reported that as discussed at the January meeting they took down the trellis in the Meditation Garden. Kenny said that 14 or 15 volunteers are going to thoroughly clean the kitchen in the Great Hall, and that next Saturday Matt's Men are going to clear debris from the Sexton's house.

Sr. Warden Report

- a. Cathedral Roof
Senior Warden David Pinson reported that they have been working with Church Insurance Group for about the last year exploring replacement of the roof of the sanctuary. David said the Cathedral had a claim in 2017 and a partial repair was done on the roof. He said they have gone back to the insurance company and are making a claim that it should have been a

replacement, not a repair, because the material that was there was a discontinued material that has failed. David said he is waiting for an update from the Church Insurance Group representative who is waiting for the report from their adjuster.

b. Safe Church Training

David Pinson reported that Safe Church Training is a requirement for everyone serving on the vestry. He said Jeanne Webber is the person in charge of getting everyone set up who needs the training and that she will be contacting them soon. David said the only persons who need to take the training at this time are vestry members Michael Bradley, Janet Page Elsea, Chryst Meador, Randy Staff, Diane Wiles, and Dean Rob Price.

Discussion Items

a. Homeless camping on the Great Hall porch

Dean Price advised that recently we have had increased camping on the Great Hall back porch. He said the official posture is that we cannot have people camping on the Cathedral grounds. The vestry discussed this problem at length, including the overall problem of homelessness in the East Dallas area. Absent hiring a night watchman, it was eventually decided for the time being to continue with the current policy that if sexton James Pena comes upon someone camping on the Cathedral grounds, he should tell them they are not supposed to be there and should leave. As a last resort, if a person becomes aggressive, Dean Price said James is empowered to call the police.

b. Pantry storage in Undercroft

Nancy Sanford reported that the Cathedral's Food Pantry ministry received a large grant from United Way that is used to purchase 100% of the groceries they give away every week. Nancy explained that it was a two-phase grant and they have just reached the end of the first six-month phase. She said the funds for the second phase, which runs from February through August 31, are coming into the ministry's account on February 21. Nancy said they just learned that this year United Way is requiring them to spend all the funds they receive on February 21 by March 31. She said they have lined up volunteers to go to Walmart to help purchase this massive amount of groceries which they will store on pallets in the Undercroft.

Finance Report

Treasurer Bob Jones discussed the key revenue and expense metrics. Bob reported there are additional costs that need to be figured into the 2020 budget and that a revised budget will be presented for approval at the next vestry meeting. In responding to questions from the vestry, Bob explained there are

approximately \$19,000 additional costs to health insurance, about a \$2,000 to \$3,000 increase in cost of property insurance, and perhaps some modifications in income from the Endowment to be determined by the Trustees.

Motion to Adjourn and Closing Prayer

There being no further business, Janis Adams moved to adjourn the meeting. Diane Wiles seconded.

Dean Price led the Vestry in closing the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Smith
Clerk