

## **Cathedral Church of St. Paul Chapter Minutes**

**Date:** 07/19/2022

**Convene Time:** 5:31PM

### **Clergy:**

Present: Amma Nicola Bowler;

Absent: Deacon John Doherty; Deacon Jean Davis

### **Officers:**

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

Absent: Junior Warden Phyllis Melton (excused);

### **Class of 2023:**

Present: Elvin McDonald; Mike Gillespie; Henry Harmon;

Absent: Jonathan Hansen

### **Class of 2024:**

Present: Jolene Phelps; Duane Sand

Absent: Phyllis Melton (excused); John Stender-Custer;

### **Class of 2025:**

Present: Kirsten Buniak; Stephanie Murphy (via Zoom); Tom Smith; Stephanie Wells

Absent:

### **Opening Prayer:**

Amma Nicola begins by giving the Chapter an excerpt of the book, “The Church Cracked Open”. The Chapter took turns reading paragraph by paragraph, and reflected on the reading.

### **Business Agenda:**

- June 2022 Minutes and June 2022 Financials
  - Jolene Phelps motioned to accept both the June 2022 Minutes and the June 2022 Financials, with a second from Mike Gillespie.
  - Motion was approved.
- Safeguard Training
  - Stephanie Wells informs the Chapter that there is a mandatory meeting on August 27th from 1 PM to 5 PM to complete the Safeguard Training.
  - Stephanie Wells mentions that Phyllis Melton intends to bring treats as an incentive.
  - For those who are unable to join on that day, there will be an email sent out with instructions to complete individually.
- New Phone System

- Stephanie Wells informs the Chapter that the phone system has been updated and works! She and Jolene Phelps had tested it earlier in the day.
- Amma Nicola added that the phone system was adjusted so calls are streamlined easier, and clergy are able to access voicemails and calls faster in the case of Pastoral Emergencies.
- Historic Building Renovations
  - Amma Nicola gave an update, saying that she communicated with John Kerss. John went through the Breiholtz contract, and stated that it is a general agreement.
    - John Kerss expressed willingness to be a liaison for this project.
    - Amma Nicola plans to converge with Breiholtz to get a more specific contract. She informs the Chapter that there are some delays on St. Paul's side in completing this task.
  - Amma Nicola also spent time with the Bridge Board & Connection Cafe staff.
    - She invited them to decide if they would like to move back to St. Paul's once the area is more suitable for them to work in.
    - The Connection Cafe staff and Bridge Board shared their interest in having the space be in a church, as clients tend to behave better and respond well, as well as having the Chapel nearby allows spiritual support to be provided.
    - Amma Nicola discussed some with Tom Davis on how to streamline the business side.
- Vision Task Force
  - Jolene Phelps gives an update, followed by Duane Sand.
  - Duane Sand added that the Vision Task Force is developing a credible model for growth in the community. They are working on putting various pieces together for a more information driven plan versus a feelings-based plan.
- Father Troy
  - Stephanie Wells informs the Chapter that they are working with the Accountant to get everything settled.
  - Father Troy has been informed that he will either have to sell his home or pay back his mortgage, so he is working on settling that portion.
- Convention Delegates
  - Stephanie Wells gives an update on the delegate search. She informs the Chapter that there needs to be a total of 5 delegates, and so far there are 3 volunteers.
  - The first three delegates are Paul Meginnis, Nannette Johnson, and Kirsten Buniak.
  - The convention will take place October 29th and 30th.
  - Henry Harmon made a motion to accept the first three delegates, with a second from Mike Gillespie.
  - The motion was accepted.
  - Stephanie Wells plans to reach out to several other people to fill the remaining two spots, and will let the Chapter know once those people are found and are committed.

#### **New Business:**

- Property

- Mike Gillespie informs the Chapter that they are watching the area of the wall where the roof drain was leaking, in order to guarantee that the problem is fixed. So far, it seems to be just fine.
  - He also mentions that the contractors found Asbestos in the wall, so that will need to be taken care of at some point.
- Mike Gillespie updates the Chapter on the dumpster gate situation.
  - He states that he was in contact with two contractors, one who no longer is able to do it, and the other is not returning Mike's phone calls.
  - Mike asks that if anyone knows a contractor, to give him their contact information.
- Mike informs the Chapter of his intention to get the concrete fixed on the outside door, along High Street.
- There are no new updates on the alleyway, other than the city plans to look at it in mid-to-late summer.
  - The Chapter remains hopeful that Public Works will stay true to their word and fix the alley to make it usable and safe.
  - "It's not the pilot, it's the asphalt".
- Amma Nicola Report
  - Amma Nicola encourages people to attend the For Many: One conversations, as the last one had been fruitful!
  - John Zickefoose has a date for his surgery and Amma Nicola and staff are requesting some assistance for when he will be out of office for 6-8 weeks following his surgery.
  - Bishop Monnot created an initiative program to help congregations reinvigorate.
    - This program, titled Genesis II, plans to provide support and resources from the National Church.
    - The Chapter noted that it seems similar to what the Vision Task Force is already doing, and worries that joining the program may be repetitive.
      - Additionally, the program required 4 Lay Leaders to be committed for 2 years. This commitment would be around 4 hours a week per person.
    - The Chapter asked Duane Sand if he would attend the meeting on the upcoming Thursday in order to collect more information on what the program entails.

#### **Adjournment:**

- Amma Nicola provided a short concluding prayer
- A motion to adjourn was given by Henry Harmon, with a second from Mike Gillespie.
- Motion was approved.

**Adjournment Time:** 6:24 PM

Minutes Submitted,

Kirsten Karen Ann Buniak