

Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Chapter Minutes

Date: October 5, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM via Zoom

Clergy

Present: Amma Nicola Bowler; Deacon John Doherty

Absent: Deacon Jean Davis

Officers:

Present: Senior Warden Stephanie Wells; Junior Warden Mike Gillespie; Clerk Phyllis Melton; Treasurer Rick Stearns

Absent:

Class of 2022

Present: Stephanie Wells; Diane Hayes; Kirsten Buniak

Absent: Skeet Wootten

Class of 2023

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

Absent:

Class of 2024

Present: Phyllis Melton; Jolene Phelps; Chuck Seel; John Stender-Custer

Absent:

I. Amma Nicola opened the meeting with a prayer and meditation.

II. Consent Agenda - Stephanie Wells

The only item on the consent agenda was the September minutes. Henry moved, and Jonathan seconded, a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Approved.**

III. New Business

A. Gift from St. Paul's for Haiti Relief - Henry Harmon

Henry proposed using funds from the Social Outreach Account with Vanguard to send \$2500 to the ERD for relief for Haiti and for Afghan refugees. Henry moved, and Elvin seconded, a motion to approve that expenditure. **Approved.**

B. Gift from St. Paul's to the Connections Cafe - Amma Nicola

Amma shared a request from Marilyn Sand to honor a financial commitment to the Connections Cafe as we had not sent any contribution this year. (See Attachment #1). Henry moved, and Jolene seconded, a motion to send \$2500 from the Outreach line item to the Connections Cafe. **Approved.**

C. Creation of a new fund for Clean Water Africa - Jonathan Hansen

Jonathan shared his passion for providing a mechanism to fund clean water initiatives in Africa. A discussion was held, including exploring partnerships with the Diocese and efforts with our African companion Dioceses. It was agreed to table this for more research.

D. New north door bid selection - Mike Gillespie

Chapter reviewed several bids to replace the north door off the parking lot. The bid recommended was from Doors, Inc. for \$2375. Henry moved, and Elvin seconded, a motion to approve the bid from Doors, Inc. **Approved.**

IV. Reports

A. Sanctuary plasterwork status - Mike Gillespie

Mike reported that a company from Chicago had come and reviewed the plaster in the nave and sanctuary. They determined that there were no discernible leaks from the exterior, but humidity may be an issue that would need to be addressed. They are preparing a written report.

Another company from Kansas City was coming on October 15th.

We will wait for final reports from both companies.

B. Stewardship Campaign - Committee (Amma Nicola, Skeet Wootten, Jolene Phelps, Stephanie Wells)

They reported that the campaign will begin a little earlier this year, with presentations at Sunday services from members of the parish. It was noted that better financial information should be available during the campaign to highlight the costs of staff, programs, and building to the parish.

V. Closing

The Chapter closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Henry moved, and John seconded, a motion to adjourn. **Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Melton, Clerk

Attachment #1

10/1/2021

Dear Amma Nicola, Stephanie Wells and Chapter members,

As a Bridge Board member, I was disturbed to see Connection Cafe's financial statement of donations as follows: (see separate document "Bridge Church 2021 contributions").

At the formation of The Bridge, each of the four downtown churches committed to financially support the Connection Cafe. When we were hosting the Cafe in the undercroft, a smaller donation than the other churches was understandable, but the fact that St Paul's has no contributions for this entire year is disturbing. In fact, St. John's Lutheran has been very generous at the same time as they have opened their doors to the cafe while we are fixing the undercroft.

I would like to request a motion to approve a donation available from St. Paul's budget line 16110-Community Outreach Programs. Perhaps somewhere between the Methodist Church and St. John's donation, perhaps \$2500.00?

I am so proud that St. Paul's is a part of this ministry. I so look forward to the Cathedral being known as the "red door cafe" again. But until then, I ask you to financially contribute to our efforts.

Thank you,

Marilyn Sand