

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL COMMITTEE – TUESDAY FEB 28

Dean's Notes – These are NOT formal minutes but highly subjective recollections

Prior to the meeting the article Seven things Christians should give up was distributed but we did not discuss it. The article is attached to these notes.

1. Kathy Moore and Joan Lukow were unable to join us. Otherwise this was the first meeting of our new committee. We spent a fair bit of time team building.
2. We read a fine and appreciative letter from St. George, Kamloops acknowledging our support of their Social Ministries as our January Outreach Focus.
3. We *ratified* minutes from the January CC meeting. We also *received* minutes from Administration and Finance and also from the Annual Vestry Meeting (the latter will not be circulated or ratified until 2018).
4. By way of introduction we all responded to the following question What I bring to this table is _____ . The skill sand experience of members is as one might expect diverse and profound.
5. We welcomed messages from the previous committee as follows:
 - a. If you want to be an effective leader here, nurture your own faith & spirituality.
 - b. Relax & enjoy the creative learning about each situation that's considered. Let the energy shift to creative collaboration & problem solving.
 - c. The committee is a place where you learn about our community, achievements & goals, what is the best solution for community & how can you best represent that thought or suggestion. Listen.
 - d. Everyone comes to the committee with special gifts & a voice. Each voice is recognized & appreciated.
 - e. It can take awhile for new members to feel comfortable, find your place & voice. Its important for the committee to welcome one another. Some of the agenda items can be intimidating (budget), its safe to ask questions. 3 types of tea are served (red rose, decaf, 1-2 herbal teas). Cookies are always appreciated.
 - f. Remember that beginnings & endings are important. The 1st meeting of the new committee will set tone for the upcoming year. Beginning with intentional prayer sets our focus & priority.
 - g. Enjoy the companionship.
 - h. The committee is an opportunity to express faith through stewardship. The new committee could look at expanding boundaries.
 - i. Joyful, rooted, hospitable & responsive, brand new to the committee & community these words really sum up what drives us.
 - j. The committee is an opportunity to practice our faith together to better our community & be enriched along the way.

- k. The role of the committee is to consider the wellbeing of ourselves & those beyond ourselves, the larger community.
 - l. Cathedral Committee feels like a family, new members will be “brought in to” the family & the joy shared together.
- 6. Treasurer Gordon Dove presented financial statements to the end of January 2017. Coming forward with a surplus from 2016 we had a number of larger one-time costs in January so we begin the year in a negative position. This should right itself in due course. There are a number of changes to the Pre-Authorized Debit accounts, folks coming and going. This is good news.
- 7. We approved a grant application to APCI as the final part of our roof restoration project as follows:

That this Cathedral Committee endorse the application to the APCI Capital Fund for Five Thousand Dollars to defer costs associated with the Cathedral re-roofing project
- 8. We agreed not to proceed with a new parish photo directory. Despite benefits, the coordination of such a project is very time consuming.
- 9. We approved the purchase and installation of cabinetry to house the new hard-of-hearing equipment which is found to be very helpful to many users. Thanks to Gordon Dove for managing this project.
- 10. Melissa Green reported on planned ministry with youth and children. At this meeting there were no other reports but the Dean will initiate a reporting template process in time for our March meeting.
- 11. Recognizing the merit of purchasing pew copies of *More Voices*, a collection of contemporary sacred music we decided to talk money from bequest reserves instead of inviting individual contributions.
- 12. There were several matters pertaining to the Blue House which required our attention.
 - a. We agreed to the terms in the 2017 Lease Agreement which are substantially unchanged from last year.
 - b. We continue to wonder about the future of both the programme and potential use of the property.
 - c. We discussed modification to the insurance coverage as suggested during the AVM. The matter is still under review.
- 13. The Dean announced the forthcoming Celebrating Faith Connections Programme, commencing Wednesday May 26 for six weeks.

14. He reminded the committee that on Sunday, June 4 we will join with other mainline Christian congregations in a shared outdoor service at MacDonald Park on the north shore at 10:30 a.m. Please note adjusted time from previously announced.
15. The Dean will take holiday for four consecutive weeks in July, a week of study leave in early August and additional time as mutually convenient (He is allotted six weeks annually according to Council of the North standards).
16. We are still looking for someone to oversee the Nicola Street Garden. This is an increasing urgent concern.
17. Plans are coming together well for the Territorial Ordination Service hosted by St. Paul's on Friday, March 17 at 4 p.m.
18. Time did not permit reflection on the recent and successful February Faith Lectures. The item is tabled until March.