

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL - CATHEDRAL COMMITTEE – TUESDAY JAN 17

PLEASE NOTE These are NOT minutes but reflections and comments from the Dean

Throughout the meeting members were asked to consider the following question: What message would you like to pass on to the new cathedral committee?

A number of our members were either away or ill.

1. We continue to work through the dilemma of the large number of building keys issued and several being lost on a regular basis. In our view such carelessness is both clumsy and costly. That said, access is required by many people and at various times, a situation for which there is no obvious solution. We have chosen to educate and engage users rather than penalize. We will commence an annual accountability strategy in 2017 going forward. We also must install a costly but legally necessary new lockbox to allow emergency access to our building.
2. The roof project final accounting shows a draw on reserve funds of only \$10,169.32. This amount will be further and finally reduced by \$5,000 when the anticipated APCI grant is received. Response to and execution of the project has been magnificent all round. Well done everyone!
3. The hard-of-hearing system in the cathedral is now installed and working well, to the absolute delight of several users. Funding came from the Dean's discretionary fund, from the Thrift Store and from APCI.
4. Adjustments to the 2016 year-end financial documents now show a surplus of \$589.40 which is a fine outcome for a transitional year which had anticipated a deficit of \$7,069.00.
5. New business included notice of:
 - a. The Lenten Lectures as advertised elsewhere
 - b. An ordination to the Priesthood of Angus Muir and Martina Duncan, both from Ashcroft to occur on Friday, March 17 at 4 p.m. Please note earlier start time than previously announced
6. The Dean proposed that we join with other United and Lutheran congregations for a shared Pentecost celebration on the morning of Pentecost Sunday, June 4 at McDonald Park on the north shore. Provision will be made for early Eucharist at the cathedral that morning. Cathedral offerings can be collected at the outdoor event.
7. The committee weighed the merits and challenges of another Parish Photo Directory. If sufficient leadership can be found we will proceed with another directory.

8. We compiled a list of messages to be forwarded to the new committee as follows:
 - i. If you want to be an effective leader here, nurture your own faith & spirituality.
 - ii. Relax & enjoy the creative learning about each situation that's considered. Let the energy shift to creative collaboration & problem solving.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. Everyone comes to the committee with special gifts & a voice. Each voice is recognized & appreciated.
 - v. 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.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. Enjoy the companionship.
 - viii. The committee is an opportunity to express faith through stewardship. The new committee could look at expanding boundaries.
 - ix. Joyful, rooted, hospitable & responsive, brand new to the committee & community these words really sum up what drives us.
 - x. The committee is an opportunity to practice our faith together to better our community & be enriched along the way.
 - xi. The role of the committee is to consider the wellbeing of ourselves & those beyond ourselves, the larger community.
 - xii. Cathedral Committee feels like a family, new members will be "brought in to" the family & the joy shared together.