



MARCH VESTRY MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2008 – 8:30am to 2pm.
St. Nicholas Bldg, Rm 216

Vestry Members Present

Carol Hoerster, Senior Warden
Bob Muglia, Junior Warden
Miller Adams
Sandy Brown
Sam Fleshman
Phil Haas
Margaret Rothschild (*phone*)
Kate O'Sullivan
Randy Revelle
Randy Urmston
Herb Williams

Vestry Members Absent

Antonio Foglia
Michele Hasson
Bishop Greg Rickel

Officers Present

John Hoerster, Chancellor

Officers Absent

Tracy Garland, Treasurer

Staff Members Present

Liz Sloat, Executive Assistant to Dean
Rev. Marilyn Cornwell
Rev. David Mesenbring

Staff Members Absent

Dean Robert Taylor
Ryan Marriott, Manager,
Stewardship & Development
Virginia Lenker, Recording Secretary
& Intern, Development Office

Call to Order

Susan Lewis called meeting to order and announced the one change to the agenda which was that the Rev's Cornwell and Mesenbring would arrive at noon and the conversation would be interrupted for them to speak to the Vestry.

Spiritual Reflection

Kate O'Sullivan lit a candle to symbolize entering sacred space and said a prayer.

Margaret Rothschild joined the meeting via speaker phone at this time.

Elections

The election of Junior Wardens was discussed first. Randy Revelle moved to postpone consideration of candidates for the Junior Warden position(s) to the next regular meeting (April). Under the current circumstances, he felt it was premature to decide on the next leadership team. He also noted that members had not had a chance to get to know each other yet. Randy was clear that the Senior Warden was not part of this resolution as the position was appointed by the Dean and, according to the bylaws, did not need to be confirmed by the Vestry. It was clarified that there was no obligation to have two junior wardens. Bob indicated he was willing to continue serving as Junior Warden until the new one had been chosen. Carol offered her help in the interim. To clarify, Liz noted that **Proposed Resolution #P-08-GO-01 (Vestry replacement- Susan Lewis)** was a retroactive piece of business in the vote to replace Paula Clapp. It was felt that the congregation would understand and respect the decision to maintain the current leadership through uncertain times. Phil spoke to the fact that he was not yet familiar either with other Vestry members or with the bylaws of the Cathedral and wanted to make sure he was making the right choice. It was determined that the bylaws allowed for one Junior Warden that would take over at the next regular meeting following the annual meeting. Randy added to the motion that Bob Muglia would remain as Junior Warden.

The resolution to postpone consideration of candidates for the position of Junior Warden was moved, seconded and passed. Sandy Brown abstained.

The Election of Clerk and Treasurer election was also postponed to the April meeting. It was asked what the Clerk's job description was: Carol said that the Clerk prepared the report to the Rubric, Liz Sloat added that the initial writing of the meeting minutes was done by a recording secretary (Virginia Lenker, member and intern at the Cathedral) who submitted them for editing by the Clerk and Cathedral staff. Carol also noted the hope that it would become more of a spokesperson for the Vestry and less of a note-taker. Miller Adams clarified that Tracy Garland wanted to maintain her support of the Vestry and was not resigning, the election of Treasurer was copied from the previous years agenda- it was not clear if that position required the formality of re-election each year. Since the recommendation was to postpone the decision to April, it was decided that this could be researched in the interim. Randy suggested, and others concurred, that a survey be sent to the Vestry inquiring what positions they may be interested in filling- including standing committees. This survey would need to include the open committee positions.

The resolution to delay to the April meeting the election of Clerk and Treasurer was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Main Thing

Mediation Preparation

At this time the meeting went into Executive Session.

Invited guests, the Rev. David Mesenbring and the Rev. Marilyn Cornwell, spoke to the members of the Vestry at noon as scheduled.

Action Item

Consent Agenda

The Vestry accepted the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

- Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2008 Vestry Meeting
- Receipt of Reports/Notes/Minutes of Meetings of Vestry Committees:
 - Facilities Committee minutes – 2/19
 - Mission & Strategy Committee minutes – 2/13, 3/5
 - Finance Committee –3/4

New Business

Committee Assignments were postponed (see earlier discussion on elections) to the April Meeting.

Proposed Resolution #P-08-GO-01 (Vestry replacement- Susan Lewis)

(This election was to complete the paperwork that was not done for the February meeting.)

The Resolution was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #P-08-GO-02 (Vestry replacement)

This election was postponed to the April meeting.

Proposed Resolution #P-08-FI-01 (Restore funding Church in the World budget)

The Resolution was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution #P-07-GO-08 (Jubilee Congregation)

This election was postponed to the April meeting to allow new members to become familiar with the background material.

Committee Updates and Formation: Discussion deferred to the April meeting.

Listening Sessions: Faith Formation will be coordinating the Listening Sessions in April during a Sunday forum and on a Wednesday evening. Kate O’Sullivan and Susan Lewis will follow up to exchange additional information.

Open Mike

Closing Prayer

Herb Williams gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Sloat
Executive Assistant to the Dean

Susan Lewis
Senior Warden