St. Mark’s Council Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2016

Attending Council Members: Jim Huber, Senior Warden; Sarah Nowlin, Junior Warden; Iris Key, Clerk; Paul Anton, Michael Arthur, Prentice Beadell, Matthew Brown, George Ewing, Richard Helling, Melody Herbst, Sten Johnson, Kathleen Murphy, Dwayne Purrington, Louise Simons, Greg Youtz

Chaplain: Mary Farrell

Attending Clergy: Very Rev. Paul Lebens-Englund

Attending Staff: Pat Betsinger

Guests: Robert J. Olson, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Brian Childs

Jim Huber called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Chaplain Mary Farrell led opening prayers.

**Minutes**

Jim Huber presented minutes from the previous meeting. MOTION to accept minutes from Council meeting on June 16, 2016. M/S Matthew, Sarah. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jim Huber acknowledged receipt of reports collected by clerk from the chairs of committees and commissions.

**Treasurer’s Report**

For Brian Myers, Greg Youtz presented the treasurer's report.

Dean Paul shared that the Diocese of Louisiana appealed to Episcopal Relief and Development for relief, requesting that the Finance Committee propose a MOTION to the Council, to hold a second collection at SMEC services on Sunday, August 21, to be directed to recovery in Louisiana, through the Diocese of Louisiana. M/S Greg Youtz, Michael Arthur. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION to accept treasurer's report. M/S Sarah Nowlin, George Ewing. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Governance Committee Report**

Fred Morrison and Michael Arthur amended constitution with a plan for staggered 3-year terms for Council members, permitting a maximum of two consecutive terms permitted. The Board of the Foundation will review the amendment.

**2017 Budget Preparation**

Greg Youtz presented the Finance Committee’s approach, guiding principles, and mission-driven methodology for developing the budget for 2017; the Council was asked to reflect on the funding allocated to each of the five marks of mission. A discussion of a draft budget will take place at September Council meeting; a discussion of a second draft, at October meeting; and a vote on the final budget at November meeting.

**Legal issues**

This section of the meeting was an executive session, closed to non-council members. Jim Huber presented the Council Resolution to purchase the property at 1730 Clifton Place. M/S Jim Huber, Sarah Nowlin. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Junior Warden’s Report**

Jim Huber and Sarah Nowlin will seek re-election as Senior Warden and Junior Warden, respectively. Replacements must be found for council members whose terms will end: George Ewing, Fred Morrison, Kathleen Murphy, and Louise Simons. Governance Committee will determine who will recruit and organize candidates for election.

**Dean’s Report**

Dean Paul reported on the upcoming Outreach Summit to outline principles for outreach ministries; and presented the nominations for Postulancy for Mary Beth Farrell, approved by unanimous voice vote; and postulancy for Amelia Arthur, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mary Beth Farrell leads closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm; M/S George, Melody, approved by unanimous voice vote.