Minutes of the Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral

Thursday, March 19, 2009

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral was held in Schuyler Hall in the Bishop Tuttle Memorial Building

Members Present: Jim McGregor, Sr. Warden; Walt Johnson, Fred Peterson, Robert Lipscomb, Steve Lawler, Jonathan Sanders, Thom Gross, Peter Van Horne, Mary Hovland, Gary Johnson, Stephen Krall, Carolyn Heiman, Josh Houdasheldt, Shug Goodlow, Grace Hamilton

Guests: Annette Carr, Canon Renee Fenner, and Canon John Kilgore.

Jim McGregor called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Jonathan Sanders opened with prayer.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of February's meeting as amended. Seconded and passed.

A motion was made to allow Mary Seager to address the Chapter on the upcoming diocesan mission trip to Lui.

Mary Seager spoke to Chapter on the upcoming mission trip to Lui. Major concerns in Southern Sudan include a generation of adults – let alone children – who have never had access to education. Additionally, HIV/AIDS is a major issue. She would like to focus her efforts on spending time in the schools. She is seeking permission to fundraise and educate the Cathedral Community on the upcoming visit. She will be contributing some of her own monies and is seeking donations/fundraising to raise the $3500 necessary. She requested that donations not be sent to her; the cleanest way would be to write a check to the diocese and memo her name and Sudan 2009. May 1 deadline for fundraising.

Old Business:

Nominations for Junior Warden. Walt Johnson was nominated and seconded. Walt remarked that he really enjoyed what he did on Property Committee. Jim McGregor commented that Walt has prior experience as Senior Warden and this was a plus.

Motion was made to elect Stephen Kroll as Treasurer and Jonathan Sanders as Secretary. The Chapter voted unanimously in favor.

Worship Resources Subcommittee proposed. Would coordinate with volunteers and take some of the burden off of clergy. Questions arose from the group as to the necessity of this. Perhaps a Volunteer Coordinator and resource committee is a better designation. How do we get beyond the same people doing the same jobs over and over? Motion was made and seconded to have Fred Peterson and Walt Johnson put a plan together. Motion made to table and was seconded. It was decided to bring this up at the April meeting.

Resolution to approve Housing Allowance for the Provost. Made and Seconded by a unanimous vote. The Provost will receive a yearly housing allowance of 45,462. Rev. Kinman will receive $34,501.30 for the remainder of the 2009 calendar year.

Property Cmte. – Windows on the first floor need to be recaulked. Some chairs in the basement will be reserved for future use. Others will be made available for parishes within the diocese who may need them. There is a need for volunteers to walk through the Cathedral and grounds after contracted security leaves. This will only be during Holy Week. List of volunteers needed by the Friday March 26 so Annette can work out the security schedule. Committee members discussed ideas for renovation of the Davis Room. One idea was to have a parlor/library type environment that could function as a gathering place for families before weddings and funerals. Property committee's role is not to regulate the use of the room. AA, Sunday Forums, Wednesday morning social, and various committees already use the space. Annette explained the reasoning for housing AA in that particular space. It is good for safety and convenience sake to have the meeting in the Davis Room.

Flower Festival 2009 – Friday April 3 is the fish fry to raise funds for Flower Festival. Two sessions: lunchtime crowd and the evening session for families. It is hoped that Chapter members will make an appearance. Josh H. said there are no free tables given away this year. This is a fundraiser. To sell alcohol we need a temporary liquor license both city and state.

Annette: Ann Trollard willing and available to work as bulletin volunteer. If we could staff the outer office with volunteers for several hours a day it would help Mike. Tough go with one custodian, but we are blessed to have Robert Buckley's devotion and caring for this building.

Come What May:

Motion made: The Chapter supports the Diocese Mission and gives Mary Seger permission to engage in fundraising efforts as laid out in advance before the Communications Committee.

Comments: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Retreat. April 25. Saturday 8-3.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2009

Closing Devotion: Walt Johnson

Thank you to Walt Johnson for providing refreshments for this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Sanders, Chapter Secretary