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**St. Paul's Cathedral Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2019**

Present: Ian Yeates, Pat Henneberg (recording secretary), Donna MacIntosh, Pat Lauder, Vernon McCarthy, Susan Haacke, Dave Hedlund, Kate Atherton, Bill Stahl, Jim Melville, Joe Jozsa, Pam Kendel-Goodale, Dawn Bray, and Rev. Ed Dunfield.

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Chair led the meeting in the Opening Prayer.
3. Regrets were received from The Very Reverend Michael Sinclair, Anne Jones, Noel Chevalier, Catherine Arthur MacDonald
4. The Agenda was reviewed by Vestry.

Moved by Susan Haacke, **seconded** Joe Jozsa that the Agenda be approved as presented. **Carried unanimously.**

5. Vestry reviewed the Minutes of the October, November and December Vestry meetings. Several items were corrected in the three sets of Minutes.

Moved by Dave Hedlund, **seconded** Donna MacIntosh that the Vestry verify and adopt the Minutes of the October, November and December Vestry meetings as amended. **Carried unanimously.**

6. Business Arising from the Minutes
There were no items arising from the Minutes to be addressed at this time.

7. Reports

- 7.1 Dean Report – Dean Michael Sinclair absent.
No Dean Report at this time.
- 7.2 Wardens Report –
 - a) Stewardship Report presented. Next steps going forward
 - b) 2 representatives from AON doing an insurance risk assessment
 - c) Vestry preparing for The Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - d) Jim Melville provided a Report on the Parish Wardens Group.
- 7.3 Treasurer Report – Donna MacIntosh provided a verbal report. Year end surplus of \$11k vs loss last year of \$5k. The books are closed and a full report being prepared for the AGM. Auditors will be approved at the AGM and do the audit in May, 2019.

Moved by Susan Haacke, **seconded** Vern McCarthy that all reports be received. **Carried unanimously.**

8. Members Concerns

- Ian will write the annual report for vestry. Will require information for the first 6 months.

9. New Business

- 9.1 Term Limits Resolution
 - February 2017 decision to limit vestry term to 2 terms of 3 years each (total 6 years).
 - Vestry would like to revisit the recommendation with input from the congregation.
 - Want to address the complacency and volunteer burnout.
 - Could there be a clause to allow a vestry member to volunteer beyond the 6 year limit?
 - This could be addressed during a service.
 - Better volunteer take up if asked directly
 - There are 3 positions open on Vestry
 - 2 questions 1) do we ask to rescind the term limits
2) How to get congregation participation
 - Should discuss with the Dean at the next Vestry meeting. Present the 2016 Vestry Minutes that discussed the resolution in Business Arising.
- 9.2 Regina Parishes
 - The December meeting was cancelled.
 - The current diocesan format is too large
 - Steering Committee of 5 people has been set up to direct the process
 - Will present to the Bishop what to do with the 7 current parishes
 - Try to prevent a church from disappearing. Each church has different culture and ambiance.
 - Ideal number of buildings would be 3. How to incorporate 7 churches into 3 buildings.
 - Early March will be a visioning exercise to look at parish structure ie multi point parishes, single parish with 3 worship centers, start with only one congregation and work from there.
 - Every congregation will see changes.
 - What format of worship at each new church
 - Concern with the money and energy to maintain the parishes and not moving forward with growth and mission
- 9.3 Congregational Meeting
 - Bishop will receive a report after the town hall meeting.
 - Each parish should have a meeting afterward to discuss the outcomes
 - St. Paul's meeting will in conjunction with the AGM
 - What is the vestry's role in this decision?
 - Feb. 24 church service will be at 10:00 am to facilitate the AGM and subsequent congregational discussion

- 9.4 AGM. Feb 24
 - One service at 10 with the AGM to follow.

- 9.5 Vestry Membership/Chair
 - Pat Lauder will be leaving Vestry.
 - Ian Yeates will be Vestry Warden and Chair.
 - Vestry thanked Pat Lauder for her service on Vestry

Moved by Donna McIntosh, **seconded** Pat Lauder that the Member Concerns and New Business be received. **Carried unanimously.**

10. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Cloister.

11. Donna McIntosh moved adjournment

12. We all participated in the Closing Prayer.