

# **Chapter Minutes**

**Cathedral of St. James, Chicago**

**February 12, 2008**

## **Chapter Members Present:**

John McNeil Anderson, Mary Jo Barton, Bill Cosper, Phil Debush, Mary C. Downey, T.J. Ferrantella, The Rev. Larry A. Green, Paula Harbage, The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee (Bishop), Richard Kelley, Cathe B. McEnerney, Cecilia Mowatt, The Very Rev. Joy Rogers (Provost), The Rev. Peter Siwek (Vicar), The Rev. David Stanford

## **Also Present:**

Bruce Barber, George Culver, Kevin Godsil, Dennis Jennings (consultant for Seabury Session), The Rev. Jackie Lynn (Deacon), Tom Patterson, Elsa Vaintzettel.

## **Absent:**

Jessica Abell (excused), Fran Horn (excused), Duncan Moore (excused), The Rev. Jay Sidebotham (excused)

## **Scriptural Passage and Discussion**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with a scripture reading (John 15:12-15). Those present shared their personal reflections on the reading.

## **Introduction of Chapter Members and Visitors**

All members of Chapter and all visitors briefly introduced themselves to one another.

## **Explanation of Today's Meeting Format**

T.J. Ferrantella gave a brief explanation of the new format for the Chapter meeting with audience comments following.

## **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was proposed and accepted with a unanimous vote.

Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- Chapter resolution to modify bank account signature authority to substitute the newly elected Wardens for Wardens whose terms recently expired and to modify current bank account procedures to require two signatures in the future for all withdrawals in excess of \$3,000.00. (Resolution 2008-001)
- Approval of Form 8, Endorsement of Tyrone Fowlkes for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate. (Resolution 2008-002)

- Acceptance of Minutes from prior meetings-Annual Meeting on January 27, 2008 and Regular Chapter Meeting of January 8, 2008.
- Acceptance of Financial Statements of January 30, 2008.

Bill Cosper asked about a budget comparison with greater detail and it was requested that all Chapter receive a detailed budget. Action on changes to the budget comparison was deferred.

### **Vision for Chapter 2008**

T.J. Ferrantella led discussion on a new vision for Chapter in 2008. This led to an open discussion on what direction Chapter will be taking with both newly elected members, as well as newly elected Wardens.

### **New Business**

There were two items of New Business discussed by Chapter:

- The development of a Task Force for Parking-Mary Jo Barton empathized with the current situation and agreed to lead this.
- Volunteer to handle Seabury-Western March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting logistics of meeting space, food, and communication-Jackie Lynn agreed to help with this function.

### **Introduction of Chapter Plan for Reorganization**

Joy Rogers introduced a Chapter Plan for Reorganization, which inspired an open discussion by all present.

### **Adjourn**

On motion made and seconded, Chapter meeting was called to adjourn.

### **Informal Discussion to Review "Who We Are"**

Immediately following the meeting, there was a discussion with a small group of Chapter members and visitors led by Dennis Jennings to discuss "Who We Are" and help set the focus of the Chapter Retreat on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Seabury-Western.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kevin Godsil, Secretary