

Chapter Minutes

Cathedral of St. James, Chicago

January 8, 2008

Chapter Members Present:

Jessica Abell, John Anderson, Robert Black, Marianne Culver, Phil Debush, Marcus Hall, Fran Holliday, Fran Horn, Sharon Johnson, Richard Kelley, Joy Rogers, Peter Siwek, David Stanford.

Also Present:

Bruce Barber, Elaine Caldbeck, Kevin Godsil, Jackie Lynn, Tom Patterson, Elsa Vaintzettel.

Absent:

Cathe McEnerney (excused), Judith Mason (excused), Bishop William Persell (excused).

Formation

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with a scripture reading (Mark 10:42-45). Those present shared their personal reflections on the reading.

Provost's Report

Joy Rogers began her report by announcing new members of Chapter from the Diocese. These include Jay , Paul Harbridge, and Larry Green.

She then led a brief discussion regarding the forum for all candidates for Chapter and delegates for the Annual Convention to take place on January 20th after both services.

She announced that the new administrative assistant, Valerie Newman, would begin work on Monday, January 14th. She also went over the dates of the upcoming events, including the ordination of new deacons on January 19th, the installation of new canons and ordination of a new priest on January 26th, and the consecration of our new bishop on February 2nd.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12th.

INFORMATION

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was announced for Sunday, January 27th after the 10:30 liturgy. It was discussed that during the meeting, the children will eat separately and have activities planned for them to keep them amused while the meeting's business is fulfilled. Then, Joy Rogers directed Chapter to lead the attendees at the meeting by moving to Burrill hall

immediately following the 10:30 liturgy and taking a seat at a table. She asked that at least one Chapter member sit at each of the tables.

Joy moved on to discuss her plans for showing the PowerPoint slide presentation, "What Is a Cathedral" to all attendees. Following the slideshow, the tables will discuss "table questions" and appoint someone to take notes for a group discussion later.

Redevelopment

Tom Patterson presented the following information pertaining to the Redevelopment Project:

Following strong urgings from the Cathedral, the Diocese filed default notice with Related and ultimately received \$2.5 million in cash, with another \$150,000. to follow. Originally, the suggestion was made that this money would replace the \$2.7 million in various funds which was to come to the Cathedral to enable us to begin. We agreed it was unrealistic for all these funds to go to the Cathedral a plan was drawn to split the funds based on the current ratio, (62.5% to B & T, and 37.5% to St. James). The Cathedral's portion was to be dispersed to the Cathedral the first week of the new year. A plan was suggested by Diocese representatives to allow the Cathedral to move forward with its construction to advance funds and to cover the HVAC reconstruction should the tower project fail..

A letter of understanding concerning these details was presented to The Canon and the Treasurer. They stated that they could not sign but that the request needed to go to B & T. The next scheduled meeting of B & T is January 15. Prior to that meeting Tom Patterson and TVR Joy Rogers joined Canon Hayashi and Treasurer Keith Kampert with Howard Ward chairman of B & T. At this meeting Mr. Ward said he was unsure that the collected funds should be divided and that has not happened. Subsequent to the meeting Alyson Eyer of the Diocese staff found references in B & T minutes confirming the split and that it applied to all proceeds. On January 15, Doug Lyons and Tom Patterson will discuss the HVAC funding with B & T. The Diocese staff will recommend the disbursement of the funds they hold. Both Bishop Persell and Bishop-elect Lee have strongly supported the move forward of the Cathedral construction.

The Diocese Task Force met and has urged completion of the negotiations with Related in order that Bishop Persell can sign the agreement. We expect to receive a disbursement of over \$1 million in January if this agreement is signed.

Automated Pledges

It was announced that a company called Vanco would be used to setup automated pledges starting in February of 2008.

Organ

Joy Rogers announced that she had climbed into the organ to view firsthand its condition. She conveyed the need of repair inside including more bracing under the instrument, air leaks throughout, and the electrical system. Marianne Culver announced that this would be a good time to invite Norma and John Bramson to view the state of the organ as they held a great interest in the refurbishment.

This led Joy Rogers to emphasize that St. James needs to move forward with a capital campaign to help complete some renovations that had been planned, but never finished.

Decision

The 2008 Budget was approved.

The Rush Hour sub-account was reviewed and approved.

The Rush hour Board was presented, reviewed, and approved.

December 2007 were presented, reviewed, and approved.

Financial Reports were presented, received, and approved.

Farewell

Joy Rogers gave a warm farewell to retiring Chapter members: Marianne Culver, Robert Black, Ron Mui, Marcus Hall, Sharon Johnson.

Special Discussion

Joy Rogers led a special discussion regarding the conversations intended at the tables during the Annual Meeting. The questions proposed would be, "What brings people to St. James (other than Christ)?" and "What do we, as a community, want to work on?"

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Marianne Culver and a second was made by Marcus Hall at 7:36 PM. It was accepted by a unanimous vote.