

Chapter Minutes

Cathedral of St. James, Chicago September 9, 2008

Chapter Members Present:

Jessica Abell, John Anderson, Mary Jo Barton, Bill Cosper, Phil Debush, Mary Downie, T.J. Ferrantella, The Rev. Larry Green, Paula Harbage, Fran Horn, Richard Kelley, The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Duncan Moore, The Very Rev. Joy Rogers, The Rev. David Stanford.

Also Present:

George Culver, Kevin Godsil, Elsa Vaintzettel.

Absent:

Cathe McEnerney (excused), Cecilia Mowatt (excused), The Rev. Jay Sidebotham (excused).

Scriptural Passage and Discussion

Chapter was called to order at 5:29 PM with a scriptural passage (Romans 12:9-21). Those gathered shared their feelings on the scripture.

Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda was unanimously accepted and approved.

The following items were on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Form P-4, Nomination to the Presbyterate-Postulant for both Jessica Abell and Kevin Godsil
- Submission of Key Statistics
- Acceptance of Financial Statements-dated August 31,2008
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2008 Chapter Meeting.

Decisions

The following decisions were put to a vote:

- A gift of \$5,000.00 (GROSS) to be given to Rev. Peter Siwek in appreciation of his ministry at the Cathedral of St. James and in support of his time of discernment was approved with one vote against by Paula Harbage on the grounds that she felt it should be a NET gift (after taxes).
- A decision to refurbish the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St James on a budget not to exceed \$25,000 was approved unanimously. It was also approved unanimously to waive the three bid requirement for this work.

Discussion

The Chapter engaged in an extensive discussion about congregation growth and the associated financial cost of investing in growth. In the past, we have concentrated on a balanced budget, which was effective for maintaining current conditions. However, it has long been the desire of the Cathedral Community to increase the membership population, which requires additional expenditures on staff and other expenses. The Chapter identified its direction is to pursue growth in the number of members and gave direction for the 2009 budget to be prepared accordingly.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded, the business portion of Chapter meeting was called to adjourn at 6:30 PM and discussion continued on budget and growth noted in the paragraph above.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Kevin Godsil, Secretary

THE DIOCESE OF CHICAGO



NOMINATION FOR THE PRESBYTERATE

Canon III.8.2.a

FORM P-4 Return no later than September 15th to:

Administrator, Commission on Ordained Ministry
The Episcopal Church Center - 65 East Huron Street - Chicago, IL 60611

St. James Cathedral nominates Jessica L. Abell, a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of this congregation, for ordination to the Presbyterate, and supply the following information on this person:

Full Name Jessica L. Abell
Date of Birth January 24, 1971
Length of Time a resident in the Diocese of Chicago Five years
Date of Baptism April 18, 1971 Date of Confirmation/Reception May 14, 1986

This person has not previously applied for postulancy or been nominated in any diocese.

[Provide details if the person has previously applied for postulancy.]

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

We pledge the support of this congregation and commit it to involve itself in this person's preparation for ordination.

We (Rector/Vicar and two-thirds majority of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee), whose names are signed below testify to the best of our belief and personal knowledge that Jessica L. Abell has been met with a Discernment Committee over the course of six or more months; and that she/he has been a communicant of this Parish/Mission in good standing for a minimum period of one year. We recommend further discernment of the Nominee for the Presbyterate in this Diocese, and admission as a Postulant for Holy Orders. We base our decision on the attached documentation and recommendation of the Ministry Discernment Committee.

Signed Jeff. Rogers (PROVOST) Rector/Vicar
Vestry/Bishop's Committee
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J. Duncan Moore, Jr.
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John M. Weill Anderson
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M. Paul Dornice
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[Name of Congregation] Saint James Cathedral nominates

[Name of person] Kevin M. Godsil a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of this congregation, for ordination to the Presbyterate, and supply the following information on this person:

Full Name Kevin Michael Godsil
Date of Birth August 24, 1977
Length of Time a resident in the Diocese of Chicago 2 1/2 years
Date of Baptism December 4, 1977 Date of Confirmation/Reception April 15, 2006

This person has not previously applied for postulancy or been nominated in any diocese.

[Provide details if the person has previously applied for postulancy.]

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We pledge the support of this congregation and commit it to involve itself in this person's preparation for ordination.

We (Rector/Vicar and two-thirds majority of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee), whose names are signed below testify to the best of our belief and personal knowledge that Kevin M Godsil has been met with a Discernment Committee over the course of six or more months; and that she/he has been a communicant of this Parish/Mission in good standing for a minimum period of one year. We recommend further discernment of the Nominee for the Presbyterate in this Diocese, and admission as a Postulant for Holy Orders. We base our decision on the attached documentation and recommendation of the Ministry Discernment Committee.

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