



# THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

## Chapter Minutes May 30, 2013

**Present:** Dean Kevin Carroll, Suzanne Cornell, Michelle DaCosta, Donna Holmes, Gary Kampe, Sarah Knox, Liz Raasch, Ted Steffen, Madeleine Turner, Ned Turner

**Excused:** Kathy Anderson, Kimberly Gartrell, Jamie Reynolds

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 6:37.

**Raising the Roof:** The meeting began with a discussion of Chapter 3 of the Alice Mann book. Page 37 starts with a listing of the types of congregations. The type we seemed most to fit was “Sanctuary”, both in the spiritual sense and as a safe place for a wide variety of people to feel free to be themselves. The Dean was feeling that the word could be the tag line for our third service. The next part of the discussion focused on whether or not we have the readiness to change needed to facilitate growth?

Our assignment for the next meeting is to read appendix E, starting on page 121 and fill in the chart on page 136.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer’s report:** Kimberly was ill so the treasurer’s report was abbreviated and focused on the deficit. A letter is being drafted that will go to all parishioners that will include a narrative budget and a plea for more money. The cash flow problem may only get worse with the summer months. In fall there will be a specific day for the ingathering of pledges so that maybe we will get more of the pledges turned in on time so a more accurate budget can be set.

Michelle asked if anyone had followed up on the suggestion that we have a display at pride Fest. It is probably too late but Michelle will investigate.

**Senior and Junior Warden’s Report:** The joint report centered on the end of the Icon exhibit and the planning of the Russian Tea.

**Dean’s Report:** Deacon Marge Kiss will be taking a sabbatical during the summer months. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a joint confirmation service for 4 churches. The service was very nice with the Bishop presiding and Joseph Kucharski providing the music.

The upcoming clergy day will be looking at moving forward with the same sex blessing controversy. The Bishop is currently conflicted over its use.

The Corporation is still deciding whether the ½ of John’s package should include benefits. We think it should. If the benefits are included it will help with the deficit. By the end of the year there should be a new arrangement that will help us with our assessment that will include ASC paying rent to the corporation.

The Dean will be interviewing 2 pianists for use at the third service. Having the music provider is an integral part of planning for the service. When the musician is hired, it will be time to form the task committee for the development of the service.

The Choral fund raiser has been set for August 24 or 25. Next year it will be moved to the spring.

**Old Business:** Donna Holmes reported that the Challenge grant has been written and includes a type of market research survey to be given to new members, visitors and old/current members. The survey was developed with the help of Bob Deringer, a market researcher, and from the Evangelism Committee. The grant has been sent to Chapter members. Lyn Morander has been asked to help with the final report.

The report from the fund raising committee was sent to all Chapter members. The group will be meeting again to decide on priorities, set some dates and pick chairs. The Russian tea is the first event to come from that committee.

We still need a clerk.

**New business:** The parochial report was given to members. It should be kept for our records. It does show an increase in average Sunday attendance.

The welcoming picnic will be held on June 11. Members of Chapter are included and should RSVP to the Dean. Invitations were mailed to new members and some other visitors. The Men's group is providing the meal and help.

Ned Turner brought up the idea of buying one of the Icons for ASC. It would then be part of our permanent collection. He and Liz Raasch will make the decision on which one to buy and if needed solicit donations. Some people have already expressed an interest in donating toward the purchase.

After the exhibit leaves, decisions can be made about the placement of the art around the church. A new exhibit will be placed on the east wall of the library that is portraits done by a local artist of members of one of the 12 step groups. The idea is that this will be the first of many exhibits of local artists connected with the diocese.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted,

*Suzanne Cornell*